

'Lady Of Genesee' Started By New Trappist Abbot

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 The Negro priest novice master of the lay brothers, followed March 25, 1952.
 The Very Rev. Dom M. Gabriel Sortais, Abbot General of the Claretian Order on his visit to the United States, was welcomed at Our Lady of the Genesee on May 11, 1952, and the following day sang a High Mass in the little Bethlehem House chapel.
 Much progress was made that summer on construction work in which scores of volunteers from Rochester, Batavia, Buffalo and other surrounding cities and

towns helped. The brick gate house was finished in October and on Sunday, October 15, Prior Gerard celebrated the first Mass in the new chapel. A week later Rt. Rev. Dom James Fox, abbot of Gettysburg, celebrated the first Pontifical High Mass there.
 ON MAY 30, 1953, the monastery was dedicated in all-day ceremonies which were attended, despite the rain, by hundreds of the laity. The new altar was consecrated by Dom Fox and Bishop Kearney officiated at Solemn Pontifical High Mass and at Vespers.
 The community now numbers three score choir monks and lay brothers, including a dozen postulants and novices from Western New York. When the new abbey home is erected, to be enclosed by a wall to give the monks the privacy for contemplation they now miss, it is planned to convert the present buildings into shops and to turn Bethlehem House into a retreat house for laymen.

Encyclical Given Indian Legislators

Bombay, India—(NC)—The Young Men's Sodality of Bombay has sent copies of Pope Leo XIII's social encyclical, "Rerum Novarum," to all Indian members of parliament.

Boy Foregoes New Bike To Aid Missions

Mill Valley, Calif.—(NC)—Twelve-year-old John Rilla is going to have to wait a little longer to get his new bike than he hoped. But he doesn't mind. John decided the poor people in Hong Kong needed food and clothing more than he needed a bicycle, so he contributed five dollars he'd earned on his paper route.
 The youngster—a student at St. Raphael's School, San Rafael—made his donation to Father Paul Duchesne, Hong Kong missionary, after seeing pictures of starving refugees in the colony. He wrote to Margaret Mealey, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Women, telling her he wanted Father Duchesne to give the money to "some poor people who are in need of it" and asking her to forward it to the priest in Hong Kong.
 In reply, Miss Mealey thanked him for "one of the nicest letters" she'd ever seen and for the gift.

Eisenhower Hits Red Arrest Of Cardinal

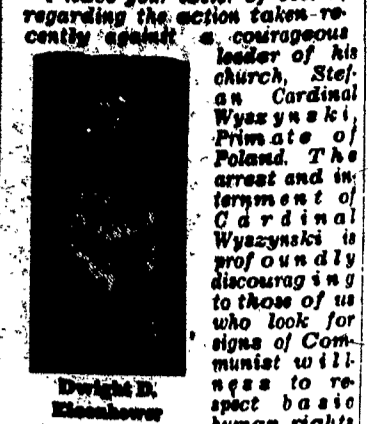
Washington, D. C.—(NC)—President Eisenhower, in a letter made public by the White House, denounced the arrest and internment of His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, as "profoundly discouraging to those of us who look for signs of Communist willingness to respect basic human rights of freedom of thought and conscience."

The President's letter was in reply to Rep. Clement J. Zablocki (Dem., Wis.) who had asked him for a statement reiterating a previous declaration in which Mr. Eisenhower had condemned the arrest of Cardinal Wyszynski.
 (At his news conference on Sept. 20, President Eisenhower referred to the "ouster" of the Polish Primate as a very discouraging development. Subsequently, the State Department issued a statement branding the action of the Warsaw regime as "a crime against a free leader of the Polish nation.")

President Eisenhower said that without evidence of Communist willingness to respect basic human rights "it is difficult to believe that the Communist governments intend to honor agreements which might be reached to reduce world tensions."

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Dear Mr. Zablocki:
 I have your letter of Oct. 11 regarding the action taken recently against a courageous leader of his church, Stefan Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland. The arrest and internment of Cardinal Wyszynski is profoundly discouraging to those of us who look for signs of Communist willingness to respect basic human rights of freedom of thought and conscience.



Dwight D. Eisenhower

Without evidence of such willingness, it is difficult to believe that the Communist governments intend to honor agreements which might be reached to reduce world tensions. You may recall that I spoke of the arrest of Cardinal Wyszynski at my news conference of Sept. 20.

The calculated repression of all religious organization in the Communist states makes it apparent that wherever Communists are in position to use force and violence, they will do so in an effort to win domination not only over the body and mind of man, but over his soul as well. I share very strongly the conviction which was expressed in the condemnation of the action against Cardinal Wyszynski issued by the Department of State on Sept. 30, that the religious spirit of man will never be subdued or extinguished, and that it will remain a sustaining force in Poland during the present tragic suffering of the Polish people.

Iranian Donates Land To Church

Rome—(RNS)—Abdullah Hunavi, an Iranian of the Baha'i faith, has presented Archbishop Raffaele Forn, Apostolic Internuncio to Iran, with 10,000 square meters of land located in a suburb north of Teheran, it was learned here.
 He also has promised to support a 150-bed hospital to be built on the land.
 This is the second large gift which Abdullah Hunavi has made to the Roman Catholic Church in Iran. Earlier, he gave land and erected a building for a school run by the Immaculate Conception in Teheran.

It is my intention that this government continue to take all appropriate steps to see to it that Communist violations of the inalienable rights of man under God do not go unopposed, and that they are effectively exposed in every forum.

Sincerely,
 DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Anglican Charge Against Priests Spiked By Official

London—(NC)—A spokesman of the British Ministry stated here that so far as could be traced no complaint has been received from any of the department's 3,000 hospitals of "objectionable prostituting" by Catholic clergy.

He had been questioned on the charge in the recently published Anglican booklet "Infallible Fallacies" that Catholic priests pestered sick and dying non-Catholics to secure their conversion.
 SPONSORED BY THE Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, an official Church of England organization, the pamphlet contained the following passage:
 "Particularly do we condemn the practice (fairly common in some places) of touting for converts among the seriously ill and dying in hospitals. There have been instances of lifelong loyal Anglicans being pestered by Roman Catholic priests when in no physical or mental condition to resist."

The statement by the Health Ministry spokesman confirmed previous statements by Catholic leaders denying the charge made in the booklet, which was prepared by an anonymous group of Anglican clergymen.

Meanwhile, inquiry among hospitals in the London area failed to reveal any complaint of patients being "pestered" by Catholic priests.

THE ANGLICAN chaplain at St. Thomas' Hospital, one of the biggest in the city, said "I can honestly say that nothing of this kind has ever come to my knowledge. I have had no experience of it, and I am constantly here."

Dr. Frank Hart, house governor of Charing Cross Hospital, said that in his 27 years' experience he had never known of such a case.

Responsible spokesman in Birmingham and Liverpool hospitals made similar declarations.

The Providence Hospital at St. Helens, Lancashire, which is run by the Poor Servants of the Mother of God, said that non-Catholic patients there are left in peace. A distinguished non-Catholic surgeon working at the hospital declared that the happiest possible relations existed between Catholics and non-Catholics, both among the patients and the staff.

"That is my honest-to-God opinion," the doctor asserted.

Cathedral Erected In Tanganyika

Nairobi, Kenya Colony—(RNS)—Materials are being assembled at Mbeya, Southern Tanganyika, for a new Catholic cathedral to be the seat of the Diocese of Mbeya.

Mau Mau Join Church Before Death

London—(NC)—A noted English Catholic author who visited a prison in Kenya, Britain's troubled African colony, found that nine out of ten of the condemned Mau Mau anti-white terrorists became Catholics before their execution.

THE AUTHOR is Graham Greene, who described his experiences in an article published in the Sunday Times here.

"Perhaps," he said, "it is the personality of one Irish priest who begins instructing them as soon as they have been sentenced, and spends the last night in the condemned cell with them."

Without identifying the priest, Mr. Greene added:
 "The Attorney General, walking round the prison one night in Nairobi saw a white man squatting on the floor of the condemned cell with three Africans sitting around him. It was the Father."

Mr. Greene related that one missionary priest, referring to the condemned Mau Mau, told him: "They die like angels. I don't often see Europeans die so well."

HE SAID that "these Africans are a religious people with a strong belief in God," but added that too often the European has "driven them out" from among them.

Mr. Greene explained that he was referring to secular administrators and "misunderstanding" Protestant missionaries who had rejected African religious ideas without trying to sift out the basic truth and sanctify it in the Christian way of life.

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