

# Germany, Italy Seen Making Rapid Gains In Reconstruction

Cincinnati — (NC) — In the face of major economic and social handicaps, Germany and Italy are striving vigorously in reconstruction, Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati, declared in an interview here.

"The German people are rising swiftly from the ruins of their shattered country," the Archbishop said, "displaying achievements noticeably absent among the French."

**THE CHAIRMAN** of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference said that in Italy he noticed progressive reconstruction. He mentioned particularly substantial housing developments between Rome and Pisa. He reminded that Italy is poor in raw materials and because of its inability to import them, unemployment remains a serious problem with thousands of Italians living in destitute conditions. He said this explains the strength of the Communist Party in Italy.

Archbishop Alter recently returned from a trip to Europe, during which he attended the dedication of the new North American College buildings in Rome and made an inspection tour of War Relief Services — N.C.W.C. relief centers in Italy and Germany.

The recent victory of Chancellor Konrad Adenauer in the German elections was viewed by the prelate "most encouraging" because it shows that Germany wants to cooperate with the west economically and defensively. He said that German socialism is losing ground, even in Hamburg, long-time socialist stronghold which the Adenauer forces overcame in the elections.

**THE MOST** serious problem in Germany's recovery efforts, he said, is that of absorbing the millions of refugees crowded into western Germany. His visits to refugee camps convinced him that the German government is striving to make living conditions as "bearable as possible," he said. He added the camps are overcrowded severely and pointed out that a typical 15-by-12 room accommodates as many as four families in refugee camps.

## Dismissal Of School Nun's Case Asked

Louisville, Ky. — (NC) — Defendants in a suit to remove nuns from public schools have asked a Kentucky circuit court to dismiss charges brought against them.

Six county boards of education accused of operating "denominational schools" because they hire nuns as teachers, claim that they may not be tried, according to law, in any court other than those in their own districts.

**AT THE SAME** time Kentucky Attorney General J. D. Buckman announced he will defend State Superintendent of Public Education Wendell P. Butler who was charged with misusing school funds in districts employing nuns. Mr. Butler and the six county boards were named in a suit filed by a Methodist minister, J. C. Rawlings, head of the state unit of Protestants and Other Americans United For Separation of Church and State.

The attorney general's office announced "very much interest" in the suit and plans to defend Butler "to the best of our ability."

**THE SIX** county boards of education said they will petition Judge W. B. Ardery of Franklin Circuit Court on November 21. If the judge does not uphold their contention, the defendants have until December 20 to answer the charges.

The suit was filed on October 13 by the Rev. Rawlings who listed what he called "violations" in Kentucky public schools which rented buildings from Catholic parishes, employed nuns as teachers or furnished free bus transportation to parochial school children.

## Editor Scanlon Presented Award



PATRICK F. SCANLON

New York — (NC) — The first annual Charles Carroll award to an outstanding Catholic layman was presented here to Patrick F. Scanlon, managing editor of The Tablet, Brooklyn's diocesan newspaper.

Mr. Scanlon received the award, a medal, from the Charles Carroll General Assembly Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus, at the Belmont-Plaza Hotel.

John A. Connell, Faithful Navigator of the Assembly, made the presentation. Mr. Scanlon was selected in recognition of his contributions, over a period of many years to religion, good citizenship, education and journalism.

The award will be presented annually to the Catholic layman best typifying the example of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the Catholic patriot who was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

## Catholic Art Group Slates Convention

Newton, Mass. — (NC) — The national convention of the Catholic Art Association will be held at Newton College of the Sacred Heart here November 27 and 28. Outstanding artists from all sections of the country will exhibit their work and take part in the sessions which will be opened by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

## Catholic Aid Wins Goodwill For America

Cleveland — (NC) — War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference, in a decade of overseas aid, has won for America and American Catholics the friendship and goodwill of western Europe, according to Father Michael B. Ivanko, assistant director of Cleveland Catholic Charities.

**THE PRIEST**, just returned from a tour of WRS—N.C.W.C. centers and refugee camps in Germany, France and Italy, said wherever he went the report was the same—gratitude for U.S. help and appreciation for the skill and experience of the agency's workers.

"American Catholics," he said, "can be proud of their noble and heroic part which they have played in restoring to millions of war sufferers of all creeds, confidence in God and a will to live."

He warned, though, that WRS—N.C.W.C. must continue aid for a long period, particularly to refugees who continue to flee Red rule in eastern Europe.

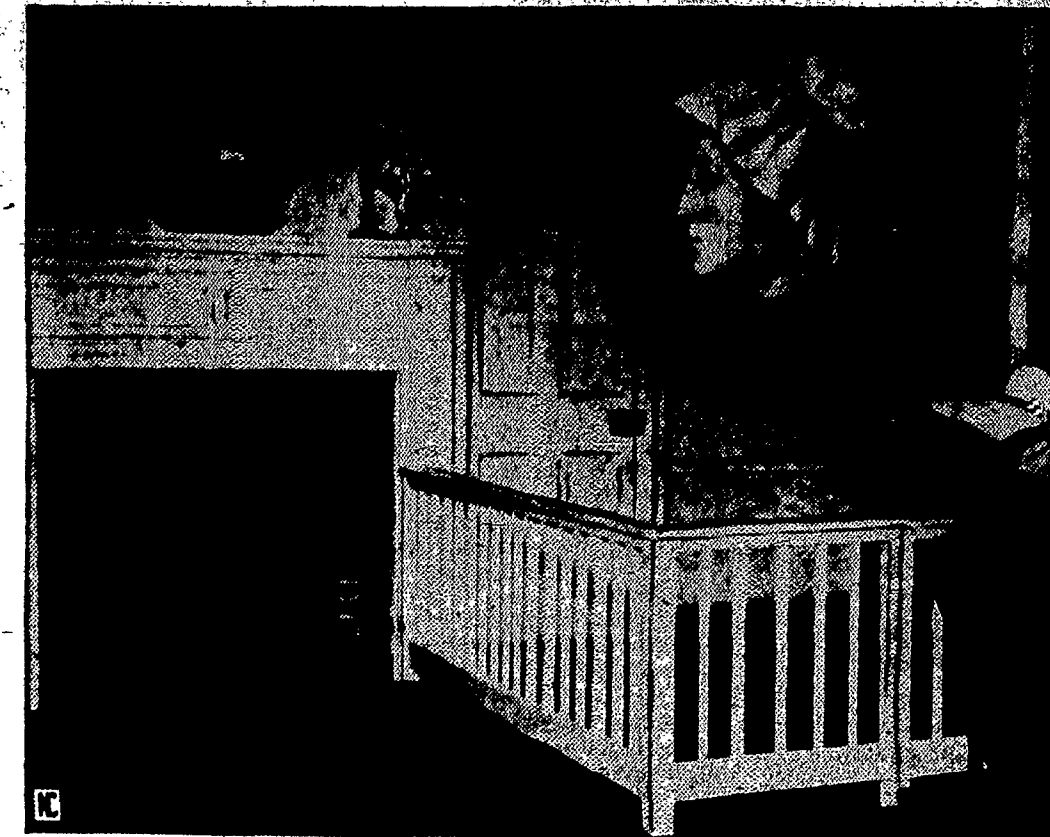
In this connection, the American Bishops have set the week of November 22-29 for the Thanksgiving clothing campaign in parishes throughout America. These items are used directly by WRS—N.C.W.C. in aiding the world's needy.

**FATHER IVANKO** said in western Germany, where the post-war recovery has been swift and spectacular, citizens and government officials alike are warm in their praise of Catholic aid and U.S. funds for reconstruction.

## German Dioceses Honor The Aged

Cologne — (NC) — A "Day in honor of the Aged" has been observed in all German dioceses. The day, sponsored by the Catholic Workers' Movement, was marked by special Masses for the aged and sick in many parishes.

Archbishop Lorenz Jaeger of Paderborn, protector of the event, speaking over a nation-wide radio hookup, reminded that respect for the aged is often lost in these turbulent days.



MOTHER ELIZABETH ANN SETON, Foundress and First Superior of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in the United States, whose cause for beatification is being advanced, occupies a high place in the history of Catholic education in the United States. Mother Seton died in 1821 in the room at Emmitsburg, Md., shown above. Inset: A reproduction of the painting of Mother Seton which is in the Apostolic Delegation in Washington.

## Sisters Of Charity Seek Mother Seton Canonization

Emmitsburg, Md. — (NC) — Plans for a year of prayer and sacrifice for the intention of advancing the beatification and canonization cause of Mother Elizabeth Bayley Seton were formulated at the tenth annual conference of Mother Seton's Daughters here at St. Joseph's Central House.

**AUXILIARY BISHOP** John M. McNamara of Washington, as moderator, presided at the conference. The meetings were held at the suggestion of His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

At the conference were delegates from communities of the Sisters of Charity, which Mother Seton founded, from St. Louis, Halifax, N.S., New York, Convent Station, N.J., Greenburg, Pa., and Cincinnati. It was decided that during the 1954 Marian Year each community will foster petitions in behalf of the cause from members of Sodality and Children of Mary and these will be found and sent to His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

## \$250 - Plate Dinner Aids Cardinal's Charities

Chicago, Ill. — (NC) — "You have never made a better investment..."

That's how His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, thanked 1,000 benefactors who paid a total sum of \$250,000 at a \$250-a-plate dinner here.

**PRESENT AT** the dinner were some of Chicago's distinguished citizens — Catholics and non-Catholics. They paid \$250 per plate — and gladly — to assist the Chicago prelate in his charitable works.

Principal beneficiaries of the dinner were the Stritch School of Medicine of Loyola University and the Lewis Memorial Maternity Hospital.

Cardinal Stritch, who was a general host at the colorful dinner, said in his address: "I shall keep you in my prayers and in my love and Our Saviour will keep you in His love. I guarantee that you have never made a better investment than tonight."

## Doctors Set World Parley In Dublin

Dublin — (NC) — Thousands of Catholic physicians and scientists are expected to attend the World Congress of Catholic Doctors scheduled here June 30 to July 4, 1954.

The congress, the first to be held in Ireland, will attract scores of world famous men, including Professor Luigi Gedda of Rome, pathologist; Dr. H.H. Hollnagel and unpublished science of Italian Catholic Action.

**DELEGATES WILL** discuss as host of topics ranging over the entire field of medicine, but will center attention on the relatively new and unpublicized science of demography.

Demography is the science of population trends. Its import is apparent. This is an age of rising populations, but two-thirds of the world's people are already underfed. Science has lowered infant mortality rates and increased the average life span, but has not kept pace in producing greater quantities of food. Certain scientists say there is the distinct possibility that the earth will not be able to produce enough food for future generations. There is the problem of great population shifts resulting from two world wars and the spread of Communism.

## Exiled Nuns Run Modern Sanatorium

Los Angeles, Calif. — (NC) — Twenty three Carmelite Sisters forcibly exiled from Mexico by former President Plutarco Elias Calles held an open house here in the home where for the past 25 years they have served the poor and the sick of the nation that sheltered them.

Forced out of Mexico in civilian garb and permitted to take with them only four gold coins valued at \$200, the 23 Sisters today conduct one of the most modern and best equipped tuberculosis sanatoriums on the West Coast—Santa Teresa Hospital and Sanatorium at Duarte in the San Gabriel Valley, 30 miles from Los Angeles.

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## ARDEN FAVORITES

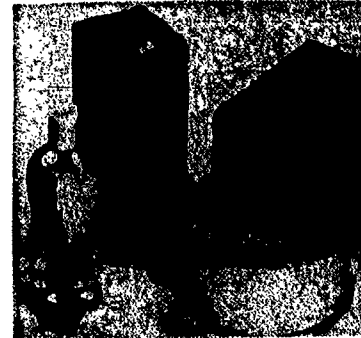
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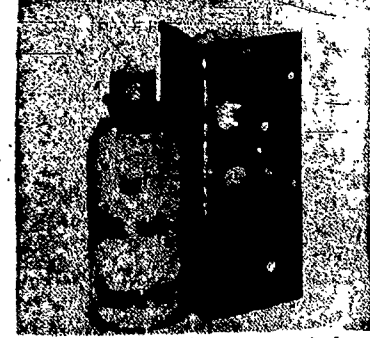
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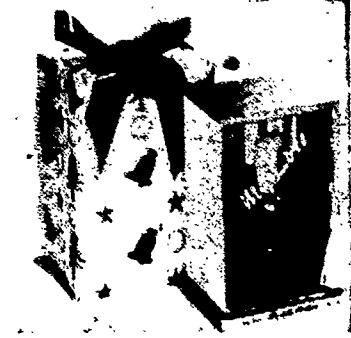
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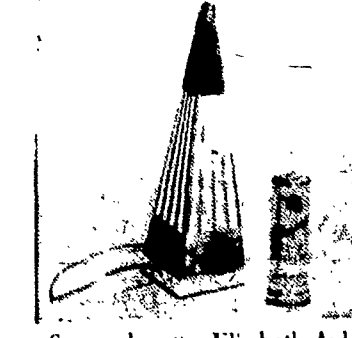
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