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Paris — (NC) — Archbishop Paul Marella, Papal Nuncio to France, has bid farewell to outgoing President Vincent Auriol in the name of the ambassadors and ministers stationed here.

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Illustration from book on Genesee Valley Trappists

**'Cowled Farmers Of The Valley'**  
**Book Tells Genesee Valley Monks' Story**

The recent elevation of Our Lady of the Genesee Trappist Cistercian monastery at Piffard, near Genesee, to the status of abbey and the blessing of its prior, Father M. Gerard McGinley, O.C.S.O., as the community's first abbot are commemorated in an illustrated, two-colored book slated for issue NEXT week.

With covers in green and autumnal brown, the book contains 60 pages of material written by monks at the abbey; articles by secular priest friends of the community and contributions by Democrat and Chronicle editorial staff members.

More than 50 photographs, pictures and illustrations, including a two-page layout of camera highlights of Abbot McGinley's solemn blessing ceremony at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in Buffalo, are included.

**PUBLISHED WITH** full ecclesiastical authority, representing the best in modern printing and engraving, by The Chronicle-Press up-to-date Rochester plant, the book is titled "The Cowled Farmers of the Valley."

Editor is S. J. Fitzgerald. Art editor is Gerald R. Maloney. Photography, including a front-cover aerial view of the abbey and grounds, is by Herb Schaeffer. There also is an introduction by Arch. Merrill, chronicler of the Genesee Coun-

try. All are well known staffmen. Contributors among Diocese of Rochester priests include the Rev. Robert F. McNamara, professor of church history at St. Bernard's Seminary; the Rev. Richard Torney, chaplain-teacher at Our Lady of Mercy High School, the Rev. Joseph A. Cirincione, pastor of St. Francis of Assisi Church, all of Rochester; and the Rev. Charles R. Renolds, pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church, LeRooster.

Among several features, the book includes full-page, latest photographs of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, and the Most Rev. James E. Kearney, bishop of the Diocese of Rochester, with their personal messages of congratulations to the new Abbot.

**IN ADDITION** there are a full-page photograph of and message from the Most Rev. Lawrence B. Casey, auxiliary bishop of Rochester; photographs of and messages from the Most Rev. M. Gabriel Settele, O.C.S.O., abbot general of the Trappists, and the Right Rev. M. James Fox, O.C.S.O., abbot of Our Lady of Gethsemani Abbey, Trappist, Ky., together with a Foreword by Abbot General. An official photograph of Abbot McGinley and a biographical sketch with his coat of arms complete that section of the book.

While there will be a limited sale in Catholic and other bookstores, circulation of "The Cowled Farmers of the Valley" will be centered on mail orders to Our Lady of the Genesee Abbey, Piffard, N. Y. Hoping for as wide a circulation as possible in informing the public on the life of the Trappists, which is the chief aim of the book, the Piffard community is offering it at the price of one dollar.

**Ald DP's**  
Bogota, Colombia — (NC) — A Catholic Committee for Immigration has been established here to assist displaced persons from communist-ruled countries. The group has already brought to Colombia 24 Rumanian, Czech and Polish families.

**Beria Asked For Bible Before Death**

Dublin — (NC) — The Standard reports that L. P. Beria, executed by the Russian government, asked for a copy of the New Testament during his imprisonment in a Moscow jail.

The paper states that this news was brought to Berlin by Professor P. Yudin, described as former director of the Cominform Bureau in Bucharest and later Soviet Deputy High Commissioner in Eastern Germany.

**THE STANDARD** says that Beria asked for a copy of the New Testament in Georgian, his native language. It adds that the former Soviet official had read the New Testament as a young boy. The Standard story does not say whether Soviet prison officials complied with the Beria request.

The Standard had earlier printed a story that His Eminence Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, the Primate of Poland, was held in Moscow's Lubianka prison in a cell next to that of Beria. The Standard's current story states that the Cardinal spent in prayer the day on which Beria was executed.

**Marian Year Spurs Modesty Campaign**

Chicago, Ill. — (NC) — Sponsored by the Supply the Demand for the Supply (S.D.S.) Crusade, 16, at which over 1,000 persons are expected, the nationwide campaign for decency in dress have scheduled a Chicago convention for January 16, at which over 1,000 persons are expected.

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