



Father Cullen, director of the Marquette League for Indian missions chats with young Indian boys now studying on Scholarships in a New York Catholic High School.

Indians Boys Good Scholars In White Man's School

Until three or so generations ago, American Indians lived a primitive life. In mechanical devices they were 10,000 years back of Europeans when America was discovered. Because of this it has been asked whether Indians of today have as high an IQ average as do other Americans.

Father Cullen of the Marquette League for Catholic Indian Missions points to the school reports of the League's four scholarship boys who are attending St. Ann's Academy in New York. The boys are the only Indians in their classes, they come from homes where "only" Indian is spoken, their grammar school days were spent in schools attended by Indians only — and they are reservation Indians. Farm boys have less opportunity to acquire book knowledge than

President Lists Attendance At Capital Red Mass

Washington — (NC) — President Dwight D. Eisenhower will attend the traditional Red Mass in the nation's capital — at St. Matthew's Cathedral on January 31. It has been announced by the White House here.

Washington's Archbishop — Patrick A. O'Boyle will offer the Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit to invoke God's blessing and guidance on Congress and the courts at the opening of their new terms. The Mass derives its name from the red vestments worn on the occasion.

Msgr. John Keating Cartwright, pastor of the cathedral, will preach the sermon. The Mass is sponsored annually by the Lawyer's Committee of the John Carroll Society here.

The ceremony in the nation's capital each year brings together a distinguished congregation of Cabinet members, judges of the various courts, members of the diplomatic corps, members of the Senate and House of Representatives, officers of the nation's armed forces and lawyers.

Cardinal Spellman To Officiate At Nephew's Wedding

San Antonio, Tex. — (NC) — His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will offer the Nuptial Mass in Our Lady of Grace Church here January 30 when his nephew, Francis J. Spellman of this city, will be married to Naomi Augustine Rabel, also of San Antonio.

Telephone Guide
New York — (NC) — The 1954 edition of the Metropolitan Catholic Telephone Guide published by The Catholic News, New York archdiocese newspaper, has been issued. It was announced here.

Greater Georgetown U Planned



SCOPE OF A \$11,000,000 expansion program at Georgetown University in Washington D.C. is outlined by the Very Rev. Edward R. Bunn, S.J., university president (center) and Eugene F. McCabill, national chairman of the Annual Giving Program (left) to the Rev. Robert F. McNamara of St. Bernard's Seminary faculty on occasion of the Georgetown president's visit to Rochester.

Czech Priest Who Escaped 'Iron Curtain' Describes Tyranny In Red-Held Homeland

Dallas, Tex. — (NC) — Only weeks ago he simply walked out of the land overshadowed by death—that is communist Czechoslovakia, past the dreaded Iron Curtain, to freedom.

Now he was here in Dallas and he had a story to tell—but there were complications. He could speak no English and to reveal his true identity would go hard on the folks back home who had aided his escape. So Msgr. Paul Chatelet, Dallas-Fort Worth diocesan director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, was called in from Irving, Tex. for he knows the language as well as the problems.

"We'll call him Jan Novack—

Father Jan Novack," Monsignor Chatelet said, because the newcomer to Dallas is a refugee priest. "That name shouldn't give him away. It's as common over there as John Smith is here."

That's how Father Jan Novack, who has been adopted for the Dallas-Fort Worth diocese by Co-adjutor Bishop Thomas K. Gorman, got his new name. And through Monsignor Chatelet, acting as interpreter, he told his story.

A MEDIUM-SIZED man with balding head and nervous eyes, Father Jan Novack reminded that the communists seized power in Czechoslovakia in 1948, but added that the real persecution did not start until 1951.

Just before Easter, 1950, he said, the communists began rounding up priests of religious communities quartered in monasteries and seminaries, sending them to prisons and concentration camps. Next the Reds began pouncing on diocesan priests, but were too smart to take them all at once, the refugee priest said. A diocesan priest would be taken while out on a sick call or some other errand of mercy and spirited away.

Then the Red government tried to form a national church. Priests who refused to join were barred from performance of religious duties. He said the communists tried "conversion by persecution" but only 10 per cent of the priests joined the national church. Six months later, the communists began taking nuns into custody, sending them to work in fields, factories or as domestic servants.

To escape seizure by the Reds, priests became workers in factories on roads, on construction projects. Father Jan Novack said he was a parish curate and a teacher of religion and Latin in a high school. When he refused to sign with the communists, he was forbidden to teach. He pleaded illness, underwent a minor operation, to gain time for planning his escape. With the aid of a friend, he was able to escape to Prague where he became a road worker.

FATHER NOVACK, asked about wages, said a single man could exist on his salary and buy enough food to keep alive. The work-day was eight hours, with double pay for Sunday work. Railroad workers got 7,000 kronen a month, factory workers,

Cardinal Segura Visits U. S. Ship

Madrid — (RNS) — His Eminence Pedro Cardinal Segura y Saez, Archbishop of Seville, paid a visit to the United States minesweeper Triumph, leader of a flotilla of four ships from the American Sixth Fleet anchored in Seville Harbor.

The visit was made at the invitation of the flotilla's com-

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mander who earlier had paid a courtesy call on the Cardinal at his residence.

Cardinal Segura inspected a guard of honor and was shown around the ship. He expressed satisfaction that many crew members had attended Mass at Seville Cathedral.

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Right: Deep-V top framed in ribbing, stop-and-start pleated skirt. Pink, maize, beige, mint.

McCurdy's Casual Dresses, Second Floor

Swiss Catholics Launch Move For Equal Rights

Geneva — (RNS) — Roman Catholic leaders have launched a move to obtain the same rights for their co-religionists in Switzerland that are enjoyed by members of other communions.

The move is spearheaded by the Catholic Popular Party and a group of Catholics in the Swiss Federal Chamber.

AS A FIRST step, a committee has been organized to draft a report on disabilities suffered by Swiss Catholics aimed at securing equal rights. It is expected that this report will be presented as a petition to the Swiss Parliament.

The decision to draw up the report grew out of a recent debate in the Zurich cantonal assembly over alleged illegal activities by Jesuit priests in Zurich.

The assembly finally voted 95 to 35 to shelve a report of the council of state which charged that the Jesuits violated Article 51 of the Federal constitution of 1874 which prohibits them from carrying on activities in church or schools. Specifically, the council charged that "several Jesuits preached in Zurich."

THE COUNCIL'S report said the government should keep a close watch on the activities of Jesuits in Zurich and take action whenever necessary. It added

that there were ten Jesuits in the Canton of Zurich in 1939, but by the end of World War II the number had increased to 20.

While the constitution of 1874 primarily restricts the activities of the Jesuit order, "and its affiliated societies," it also forbids the foundation of new convents and religious orders and the re-establishment of those suppressed in the past.

According to the constitution, restrictions against the Jesuits "may be extended to other religious orders whose activity is dangerous to the State or disturbs confessional peace."

Order Removes Indecent Calendars

San Jose, Costa Rica — (NC) — Wall calendars with indecent illustrations have been ordered removed from the building of the Supreme Court of Justice here. The order was issued in response to objections by the Association for Family and Education, a Catholic organization.