

New Episcopal Appointees



Vatican City — Three new episcopal appointments in the U.S. were made by Pope Pius XII. They were, left to right: Msgr. Clarence G. Isenmann, Vicar General of Cincinnati, named Titular Bishop of Phryges and Auxiliary to Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati; Msgr. Justin J. McCarthy, pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows church, South Orange, N.J., named Titular Bishop of Doborus and Auxiliary to Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark; and Auxiliary Bishop Allen J. Babcock of Detroit, named Bishop of Grand Rapids, Mich., succeeding the late Bishop Francis J. Haas, who died last August. (RNS Photo)

Probers Cancel Matthews Hearing

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The House Un-American Activities Committee, by a 6-4 vote, cancelled a scheduled hearing for Dr. J. B. Matthews who was to have aired his charges that 7,000 Protestant ministers had "supported the Communist apparatus over a period of 17 years."

The committee overruled its chairman, Rep. Harold H. Velde (R., Ill.), who wanted to set a date for the hearing which had been promised Dr. Matthews ever since he resigned last July as executive director of the Senate investigation's subcommittee headed by Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy.

Rep. Bernard W. Kearney (R., N.Y.) joined with four Democratic members of the committee to "indefinitely postpone" the hearing.

Chairman Velde said he "regretted" the committee's decision.

"I feel that it is our duty to hear anyone who offers to appear before the committee to give us information concerning Communist activities in the

Candler Home Slated To Become Cloistered Convent

Atlanta, Ga. — (RNS) — The home of Mrs. Asa Warren Candler, wife of a founder of the Coca Cola Company, has been sold to the Visitation Nuns for a cloistered convent.

Records show the 16-room home was sold for \$55,000. It is being remodeled to conform to requirements of the Roman Catholic contemplative order.

The Visitation Nuns, founded in France in 1610, wear a habit similar to the Trappist Monks (Cistercians) and live a life of prayer and meditation, doing all their own necessary manual labor.

Their first American foundation was established at Georgetown, Washington, D.C., in 1799. Today there are 20 independent houses of the order throughout the United States.

Last Statue. — (RNS) — A statue of St. Louise de Marillac, foundress of the Institute of the Daughters of St. Vincent de Paul, arrived here and will occupy the last of 40 niches in St. Peter's Basilica.

Catholic Hour Slates First Color Telecast

Washington — (NC) — An Easter Sunday Catholic Hour program will be the first religious TV show ever to be televised in color.

The show, produced by the National Council of Catholic Men, was selected for color telecasting by the National Broadcasting Company over whose network the program is shown.

THE EASTER Sunday telecast will be the third in a series of "Pulpit Debates" between two Father Fathers, Father James Finley and Father James Reynolds. The color show will be televised in a special gothic setting at New York's Colonial Theatre, Richard J. Walsh, NCCM television producer stated.

More than 80 stations of the NBC network will carry the program. The color telecast will be seen in black and white on regular sets.

NBC-TV has been testing its color techniques on varied television programs, but no religious telecast was chosen for color treatment until the Catholic Hour.

THE CATHOLIC Hour is seen from 1:30 to 2 p.m. EST, and in some cities is received on delayed kinescopes.

The "Pulpit Debate" for Easter Sunday will be on the divinity of Christ, with one priest playing the role of a non-Catholic objector and the other defending the Church. Questions for debate on the other Sundays of April are: "Does Everyone Act Catholic?", "Is The Church the Enemy of Freedom?" and, on the last program, "Why I Am A Catholic."

Princess Opens Salesian Orphanage

Tokyo — (NC) — Princess Takamatsu formally opened a large three-story annex to the Salesian orphanage — Japan's original "Boys' Town" — at Kokubunji near here.

The Princess, whose husband was present at the opening of the orphanage eight years ago, was accompanied by Father Archimede Martelli, S.D.B., director of the orphanage. Among those who attended the ceremony was Archbishop Maximilian de Furstenberg, Papal Internuncio to Japan, who blessed the new ferro-concrete structure. The orphanage takes care of 250 boys.

JAPANESE NUNS VISIT U. S.



Dallas, Tex. — Two Japanese sisters, in this country to visit American medical and orphanage centers, hold a photo album of the orphanage and tuberculosis hospital they operate in Tokyo. The nuns are Sister Johanna Kawakubo, head nurse of the 292-bed Sakuramachi (Cherry Blossom City) Hospital (left); and Sister Maria Okamura, head of the Aileen Orphanage. Both belong to the Order of St. John the Evangelist, founded by Sister Maria in 1941. While in Dallas, the nuns visited Capt. Robert E. Renz of the U. S. Air Force to thank him again for the help he extended to the orphanage during his assignment in Tokyo. Capt. Renz staged the first Christmas festivities the orphanage had seen, started a library for the children, obtained radios for their rooms and helped distribute gift packages from the U. S. (RNS Photo)

British Ad Drive Induces 500 To Take Instruction

London — (NC) — More than 500 non-Catholics are now receiving instruction in the Faith in Britain as the result of an advertising campaign inviting inquiries in the secular press.

The Catholic Missionary Society, organizers of the three-week-old campaign, reported that, so far, 1,300 requests for further information about the 21-week leaflet course offered have been received. Hundreds more letters are pouring into the Society's headquarters here every day.

It is hoped that by Easter Sunday 1,000 men and women of all ages and classes — many of them given this first opportunity in their lives to make contact with the Catholic Church — will be taking the course. It is written by Father George Dwyer, former editor of the Catholic Gazette and now in charge of the society whose purpose is the reconversion of England and Wales.

The heavy expenses of advertising and running the course are being met by Catholic donations. Many of these are coming from grateful converts, in Britain and overseas.

Japanese Ex-Soldier Becomes Priest

Nagasaki, Japan — (NC) — Father P. T. Nakada, a native of Goto Islands, who spent seven years in the Japanese army, was ordained here by Bishop Paul Yamaguchi at the famed Oura Tenshu Cathedral.

Five other ordinations took place in the Fukuoka Diocese and three students for the priesthood received the sub-diaconate. The latter included J. Tyack, former soldier in the Australian army, who has been incardinated into the Kagoshima Diocese.

Texas Archbishop Ends Racial Bars In Catholic Schools

San Antonio, Tex. — (NC) — Archbishop Robert E. Lucey of San Antonio, has directed that "henceforth no Catholic child may be refused admittance to any school maintained by the Archdiocese merely for reasons of color, race or poverty."

The Archbishop of this "deep South" archdiocese said in a pastoral letter that students applying for admission to archdiocesan schools who possess the necessary qualifications of morality and academic standing may no longer be denied a Christian education because of their color.

A RECENT survey of elementary and high schools in the archdiocese indicated that Negro pupils have been enrolled in a number of institutions for the past several years. All three Catholic colleges in the archdiocese include Negro students as well as those of other non-Caucasian races on both graduate and undergraduate levels.

Stressing the fact that during his tenure of office in San Antonio, he has urged "clergy and laity, in season and out of season," to stop the sin of racial segregation, Archbishop Lucey stated it is obvious that "most encouraging progress has been made."

The letter further said that it is the duty of Catholics to lead and not follow in the fields of social justice and social charity. Citing the fact that secular government, military leaders and private organizations have done much to eliminate segregation and discrimination, Archbishop Lucey said that the day of racial injustice has passed.

"IN MARKED contrast with Protestants, Catholics have achieved a degree of integration which was described to me enviously and penitently by a distinguished Protestant as 'nothing short of terrific.' Catholic University, for example, admitted Negroes on the sole basis of their qualifications, beginning in 1936. Georgetown University followed suit. All parochial schools in Washington admit students regardless of race or color."

The writer, Walter White, executive secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said overall progress toward integration in Washington is "genuinely encouraging."

HE SAID, however, that "possibly the least changed of all institutions in Washington is the Protestant church. While restaurants, hotels, the courts, the armed services, government employment, the theaters and moving-picture houses, housing and recreational facilities have voluntarily or as a result of the pressures of changing public opinion abandoned or modified their racial policies, the church has adhered to segregation."

Chinese Franciscans Ordained In Germany

Federborn, Germany — (NC) — Three young Chinese Franciscans — who have learned to speak German perfectly — have been ordained priests in the cathedral here. Named Jordan Feng, Augustin Liu and Hieronymus Tung, they are natives of Shantung province where they attended Catholic mission schools.

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