## War Criminal Baptized In Prison

The Hague, Holland — (NC) — Willy Lages, a leading official of the German Gestapo who was sentenced to death by a Dutch court after the war but later reprieved, was baptized in the Catholic Faith at the Scheveningen prison near here.

Lages, who served the Gestapo in Holland from 1940 to 1945, was received into the Church by the chief chaplain of the prison, and afterwards was confirmed by Archbishop Paolo Giobbe, Apostolic Internuncio to the Netherlands.

Lages was condemned to die shortly after the German surrender. On September 24, 1952, however, the Minister of Justice commuted the sentence to imprisonment, on the ground that although Lages had been proved one of the worst criminals of the war, leniency was justified because the prisoner had "lived in uncertainty for many years."


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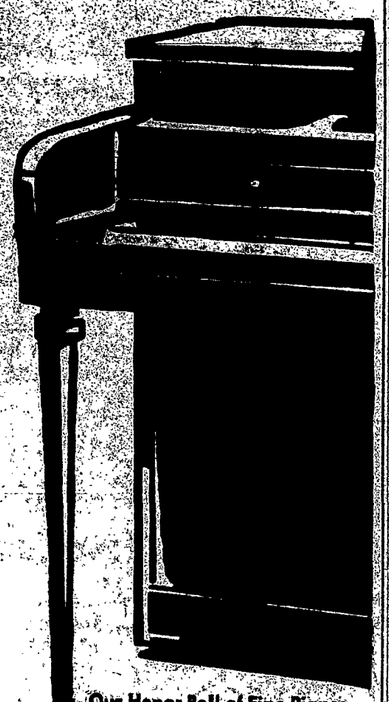

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## HEAD POLICE HN SOCIETY

NEW OFFICERS of Rochester Police Holy Name Society greet speaker at annual Communion Breakfast in Hotel Seneca, Sunday. In photo (from left) Patrolman James F. Doherty, secretary; Monsignor Charles F. Mahoney, speaker; Monsignor John S. Randall, chaplain and Webster Police Chief James O. Stein, president.

## Police HN Society Draws 300 To Communion Rail

James O. Stein, Webster village police chief was elected president of the Rochester Police Holy Name Society at the annual Communion Breakfast, Sunday in Hotel Seneca. Chief Stein is financial secretary of the Rochester Diocesan Holy Name Union.

Approximately 250 law enforcement men from various agencies in Monroe County attended the breakfast following Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Franklin St. at which nearly 300 uniformed and plainclothes men received Holy Communion.

Speakers at the breakfast which was attended by high-ranking city and county officials of many faiths were the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Charles J. Mahoney, superintendent, Catholic schools, Diocese of Rochester and the Very Rev. Msgr. John S. Randall, police chaplain and celebrant of the Mass.

**THE GROUP** was told that policemen who must "rub shoulders with criminals day and night," need strong spiritual backgrounds for their daily jobs. So also must Americans in every station in life develop greater faith to pit hope against despair in these trying times.

Monsignor Randall was assisted at the Mass by Patrolmen Alfred S. Ryan and Thomas F. Hastings, as servers.

Elected with Stein was James F. Doherty, city patrolman, secretary, succeeding Patrolman John S. Flor and Ryan in the respective positions.

Retired Patrolman Frank J. Minkau, Sr. sang at the Mass and breakfast accompanied by Carl M. Mee of the Police Communications Bureau.

After the Mass the policemen voiced their appreciation of Monsignor Randall's cooperation in arranging for the event.

## Church Started First Hospital, Delegate Recalls

Providence — (NC) — A reminder that hospitals are of Christian origin was voiced by the Apostolic Delegate to the United States as he dedicated Our Lady of Fatima Hospital here.

Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani noted that "in classical pagan antiquity there were no hospitals and very few examples of place for the treatment of the sick."

**"UNDER THE** warmth of the love inspired by Christ the idea of a hospital was born; and as soon as the Church achieved her freedom in the fourth century the idea became a reality," he said.

In tracing the origin of hospitals in the Christian era, Archbishop Cicognani recalled the story of Fabiola, a noble matron of high Roman society.

"Disillusioned by earthly vanities, she decided to dedicate herself to religion and charity, and she could find nothing better to do than to open a hospital in Rome, probably the first institute of its kind," he said.

"In that same period another noble Roman, Senator Pammachius, desiring to show his love for Christ and for his neighbor, gathered the poor of the city near the Basilica of St. Peter, fed them, distributed part of his possessions among them and used the remainder to build, together with Fabiola, a hospice for pilgrims at the mouth of the Tiber.

**"THE HOSPITAL** is, therefore, of Christian orgin."

Archbishop Cicognani said there curently are almost 1,000 Catholic hospitals in the United States. More than 70,000 Sisters dedicate their lives to the care of the sick and physically handicapped in theirs country, he added.

## Chancery's Tip: Break That Chain

New Orleans — (NC) — And now its a chain letter about a novena to Our Lady of Fatima!

The Chancery office here has issued a warning about the letter, although senders claim it is not a chain letter. Copies circulated in New Orleans promise favor after one Our Father is said daily for nine days. The letter asks that copies be sent to nine persons. A false claim is made that the letter has the approval of the Sisters of St. Francis in Boston, the Chancery said.

## Korea Honors Columban Missionar

Mokpo, Korea — (NC) — Korea's President Syngman Rhee presented Columban Father Harold W. Henry of Minneapolis, Minn., pro-Prefect of Kwangju, with a decorated scroll in recognition of help given to wounded ROK soldiers and the families of soldiers killed in battle.


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## Protestant Clergy Disagrees On Red Threat Analysis

Philadelphia — (NC) — Leading Protestant clergymen praised and roundly criticized statements by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Baptist minister and editor of the Christian Herald, in which he said that 7,000 was an "entirely too conservative" figure in estimating how many Protestant clergymen were the "dupes" of the communist party.

In his article in the Saturday Evening Post, Dr. Poling confessed that he himself had served as a "dupe" for communism and urged Protestant clergymen to cooperate fully with Congressional committees and "speak out now in frank admission" if they had been misled by communists.

**THE ARTICLE** was answered by nine leading Protestants who stood divided on Dr. Poling's views.

"In my judgment this is the most comprehensive and soundest statement yet written on the relation of clergymen to the communist conspiracy," Dr. Norman Vincent Peale of New York stated. He said that communism has "captured and twisted the prevailing jargon of modern clergy, even to the extent of duping many."

Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen, president of Union Theological Seminary criticized Dr. Poling's article as "a confused jumble of distortions and exaggerations." He said Dr. Poling was "a credulous fellow-traveler" of Senator McCarthy, J. B. Matthews "and their ilk."

"The Reds never got the clergy," Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church said.

Dr. Eugene Cardon Blake, Presbyterian leader, said that Dr. Poling is "unaware of the anti-Protestant bias of the current attacks on the churches and their ministers . . ."

**PRAISING THE** Poling article, Presbyterian pastor Robert W. Youngs cited "clerical confusion and ecclesiastical softheadness in the current struggle with communism." "Dr. Poling is right," he said.

Methodist Bishop Fred Pierce Corson of Philadelphia said that while Congressional investigations "have rendered a real service," they have also made "clumsy and inexcusable blunders." He called upon Protestant ministers, however, not to be "Truth-dodgers" or to use the Fifth Amendment as a "legal hideout."

"One thing is certain," Dr. Corson said. "The current discussion is alerting both clergy and laity to a more critical examination of the causes they endorse and to a more analytical examination of the leaders they follow."

Stating that the Episcopal Church uses "extensive handicaps" to stop communist infiltration of its clergy, Episcopal Bishop James P. DeWolfe said: "It is the fool, rather than the dupe, who, as a minister of the Protestant Church, supposes that God and no God can be brought into harmony in social action."

**DR. REINHOLD NIEBUHR** of Union Theological Seminary said Dr. Poling's "real quarrel with the church is not on the issue of harboring communism but with the qualities of anti-communism."

Dr. Maurice N. Eisendrath of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations criticized Dr. Poling's article for "ignoring the atmosphere of fear, hysteria and extremism which is so evident today." He said "Dr. Poling falls into a trap when he implies that if you are against these excesses you are ipso facto an ally of communism . . ."

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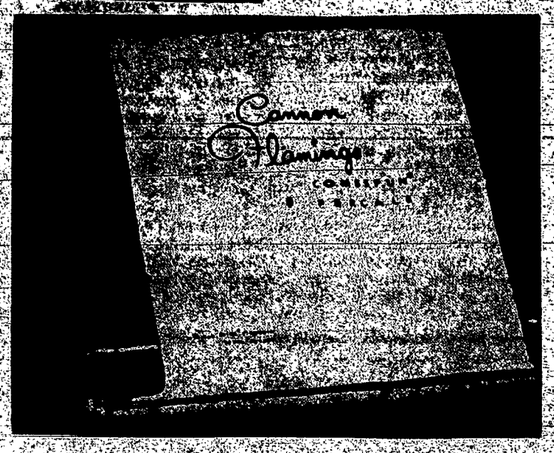

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