

Lay Retreat Movement Growth Cited

Chicago — (RNS) — An estimated 300,000 American laymen made spiritual retreats in more than 150 retreat houses in this country last year, Bishop John J. Wright of Worcester, Mass., said here.

Bishop Wright made the report to the 15th biennial convention of the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference. He is episcopal adviser to the conference.

THE PRELATE described the growth of the retreat movement in the United States as "astonishing" and also "providential."

"Such an organized program of prayer and meditation, made up of laymen of every walk of life and acting without political or social motive of any kind, comes at a moment in our history when it is most needed," he said.

"Both Church and State urgently need prayers. Lingering anti-Catholicism here at home and festering anti-Americanism abroad have plagued us in recent years, though there are signs that these are abating.

"So much of both is unreasoned and irrational that neither will be dispelled by debate, controversy or indignation. However, both will be offset, if not entirely eliminated, by the example of righteous living and profound spirituality such as lay retreats exist to develop.

"EXEMPLARY PIETY in the Church will reflect the unmistakable image of her Christ more convincingly than the hours of disputation or columns of polemic and the same righteousness in the State will enhance the moral prestige of our nation more than weeks of speeches or tons of Lend-Lease."

Bishop Wright said that the "world is not saved by works, even good works, though these may save those who perform them. It is saved by piety and prayer."

Store Clerks Recite Rosary

New Orleans — (NC) — Three department stores and a women's apparel shop here now have weekly rosary periods.

A group of employees of the Gus Meyer store began reciting the rosary before store hours on Saturday. This may have seen employees at three other stores beginning group rosary for world peace.

Church Dedicated In Rochester, England



AT BLESSING of St. John Fisher Church in Rochester, England, built with a gift of Rochester N. Y. Catholics are shown: (top left) Rev. John D. Malley, Bishop Cyril Cowderoy of Southwark, Msgr. Donald M. Cleary, Rev. Thomas K. Cleary in delegation from here. Right, top, interior of St. John Fisher Church. Lower, a group of Rochester delegation at ceremonies. The sum of \$50,000 raised by His Excellency Bishop Kearney was sent from this diocese to aid in erecting the first church since the Reformation in the city of which the See in New York State is namesake.



Clergy In Slave Camps In Poland

London — (NC) — The Polish communist regime now has about 175,000 slave laborers, including 1,000 priests, condemned to work in 86 forced labor camps, General Wladyslaw Anders stated here.

The exiled Polish military leader made the statement in connection with celebrations here marking the tenth anniversary of the battle of Monte Cassino.

General Anders said that 11 new forced labor camps were opened by the Red regime during the past year. The slave laborers include about 15,000 women and 150,000 people condemned without any trial.

Film Planned On Yank Who Aided Japan Orphans

Washington — (NC) — The story of a GI who got his whole regiment to support a Catholic orphanage in Japan will be produced as a Hollywood motion picture it was learned here.

Master Sergeant Hugh O'Reilly, now at West Point, is the real-life hero of the story. With his Japanese wife he will serve as technical advisor on the movie when it is produced by Columbia Pictures.

THE SERGEANT, who carried on a one-man reconstruction job for the orphanage of Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Osaka, Japan, wound up by inspiring his World War II Regiment to donate paycheck money while on Korean battlefronts.

Australian Cardinal Confirms Yanks

Sydney, Australia — (NC) — Twenty American sailors and marines were confirmed by His Eminence Norman Cardinal Gilroy, Archbishop of Sydney in St. Mary's Cathedral during a short good-will visit here by the U.S. aircraft carrier Tarawa and the destroyer escort O'Bannon.

Another ceremony in the cathedral was the baptism of three sailor-converts by the Tarawa chaplain, Father (Lieut.) C. S. Maguire, a priest of the Philadelphia archdiocese.

God Will Take Care Of Us

Widowed Mother Who Trusted God Will See Fourth Son Ordained Priest

Spokane, Wash. — (NC) — "God will take care of us," Mrs. Clara Toner used to tell her sons. And he did. Her four Jesuit sons can testify to that.

Widowed in 1918, Mrs. Toner held down jobs—from chambermaid to salad cook—until her 70th birthday last year so that her boys could be free to follow their vocations. On June 19, Mrs. Toner of Seattle, but formerly of this city, will see her fourth son ordained a Jesuit priest.

WITH THE HELP of a fifth son, Donald, who is the second oldest Toner boy, the indomitable widow managed to support her younger sons while the older boys left one by one to enter the Society of Jesus. If there was trouble at home, her seminarian sons never knew about it.

In fact, a Jesuit from Gonzaga University who had heard of the Toner family troubles and called on Mrs. Toner with the suggestion that perhaps her son Erwin should come home from the Jesuit novitiate to help, still remembers the lesson he got on the courage of a woman. And his ears still burn at the sampling he received of a woman's righteousness.

Mrs. Toner started her years of quiet, vigorous courage immediately after her husband's death during a flu epidemic. With her four sons seriously ill and a fifth child on the way, Mrs. Toner rose from her sickbed and arranged for her husband's funeral. Only weeks after, when they were well, did the Toner boys learn their father was gone.

Spokane, another Catholic mother was raising five boys—Bob, Everett, Larry, Ted and "Bing" were their names. And, as the Crosbys, they became as successful in the entertainment world as the Toner boys did in their chosen field.

Today, Father Edwin Toner is editor of the Oregon Jesuit news magazine; Father Frank is rector of Bellarmine High School in Tacoma, Wash.; Father Gordon became principal of Gonzaga High School here two years after his ordination.

Donald Toner also planned to study for the priesthood, but when he felt free to apply for admittance to the Society of Jesus he was too old to begin the long period of study that he would have been called upon to make.

When Father Eugene Toner is ordained in Spokane on June 19, his brothers and his mother will be there. And when he offers his first Mass, Mrs. Toner will see her four priest sons on the altar joining in the Sacrifice. In taking care of the Toners, God did a fine job.

Secularism's Brainwashing Deplored By Speaker

Cincinnati — (NC) — The "anesthetic of secularism" which changes many mentally, morally and spiritually is an "older and more subtle form of brainwashing" than the one employed today by communists, Francis J. Nally, retiring president of the National Council of Catholic Men, declared here.

In an address to the Ohio State Knights of Columbus convention, Mr. Nally, who is managing editor of The Catholic Chronicle, Toledo diocese newspaper, said:

"NOTHING LESS than brainwashing could make a Catholic believe that his religion is as personal as his toothbrush—that his Catholic religion is a narrow, individualistic, private concern of his own, and nothing more. Only a brainwashed Catholic would believe, as secularists believe, that the Church and her spokesmen and agencies have no right or reason to discuss problems of the day."

He said one result of the secularist brainwashing has been "to sap intelligent, constructive interest and effort in support of campaigns for wholesome news-stands and wholesome public entertainment in the form of movie, radio and TV programs."

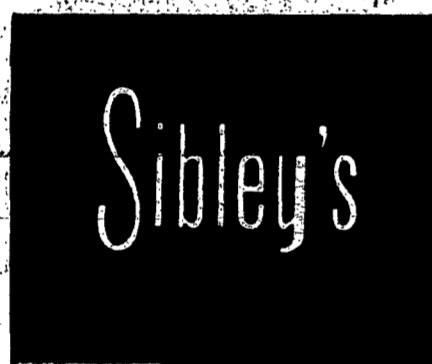
HE SAID some newspapers and magazines as a matter of policy violate our Christian standards. "We suffer it in silence. Our washed brains tell us: 'Times have changed and human nature changes as well. What once was sinful is no longer sinful. What once were occasions of sin are such no longer.'"

Mr. Nally deplored that brain-

Father LeBuffe, Jesuit Author, Dies

New York — (NC) — Father Francis P. LeBuffe, S.J., educator, lecturer, sociality leader and long a prominent figure in Catholic Press work, died (May 27) at French Hospital, here, following a heart attack. He was 69 years old.

Father LeBuffe suffered from a heart condition for some time, but continued to be active in writing. He was in French Hospital for treatment late in 1953, shortly after he had issued, with James V. Hayes, the fifth edition of "The American Philosophy of Law." He returned to his residence at Christmastime, and continued work on a new two-volume series of "My Changeless Friend" and a volume of meditations on the Collects of the Mass.



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