

English Convert-Priest Teaches Deaf

New York — (NC) — The wit and vitality of a totally deaf English priest impressed a group of reporters who interviewed him here.

The Very Rev. Canon William J. Hayward, who is the guest of honor at the fifth annual convention of the International Catholic Deaf Association, told interviewers that he performs marriages and "hears" confessions by reading lips and using sign language.

Since his ordination in 1927, Canon Hayward has served the deaf in the cities of Manchester, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Birmingham, Leeds, Preston, Edinburgh, London, Liverpool and Glasgow.

RECALLING HIS ordination, Canon Hayward said:

"Fortunately I was the only priest to be ordained, so I suggested to the Bishop (of Leeds) that when we were both to speak, I begin and he join me. We got through swimmingly."

Canon Hayward lost his hearing after an attack of spinal meningitis in France, where he was serving as a lance corporal with the British Army in World War I. After being discharged from service he resumed studies in a theological college where he had been preparing for Anglican Orders.

After two years, however, he left the college and entered the Roman Catholic Church where, he said, he found the authoritative teaching that he sought.

CANON HAYWARD taught for four years at St. John's School, Boston Spa, Yorkshire, the only Catholic school for the deaf in England. He applied as a candidate for the priesthood and was approved with the permission of Rome. He was ordained at St. Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham.

Since his ordination, 17 members of Canon Hayward's family have been received into the Catholic Church. They included two of his sisters and his mother, who received their First Holy Communion from him.

THE CANON is authorized to serve in about one-third of the Roman Catholic dioceses of Britain. He believes in teaching by signs and lip reading rather than by the method which employs only lip reading.

"I hope to import the American sign language when I go back," Canon Hayward said. He believes it to be simpler and clearer than the English method.



NEW YORK—The Very Rev. Canon William J. Hayward of Manchester, England (right), first totally deaf priest ordained in the Catholic Church, was guest of honor at the 5th Annual Convention here of the International Catholic Deaf Association (July 18-24). He is shown being welcomed upon his arrival in this country by the Rev. Walter Darcy, director of the Catholic deaf for the New York archdiocese. Canon Hayward, 58, who was converted to Catholicism in 1918, lost his hearing as a result of spinal meningitis contracted during World War I. (RNS Photo)

Russians Keenest Bidder's For Catholic Saint's Works

London—(NC)—The Russian embassy in London is buying up all the rare early editions of the works of St. Thomas More that it can—for the Stalin Museum in Moscow.

This museum of Communism has a special section dealing exclusively with the life and works of the great English statesman and martyr who was executed by King Henry VIII for opposing his divorce from his first legal queen.

The Russians claim that Communism owes part of its inspiration to the Catholic saint, falsely interpreting his great classic work "Utopia."

These facts were disclosed by Richard O'Sullivan, leading Catholic attorney, while showing a Catholic group through Lincoln's Inn, legal quarters in central London where St. Thomas, a lawyer himself and last Catholic Lord Chancellor of England, lived and worked.

Soviet Embassy representatives attend the big book auctions and are the keenest bidders for any of his works. Mr. O'Sullivan added.

Judge Backs Police Ban On Book

Detroit—(NC)—The right of Detroit's police censor to ban the sale of paper-bound books he judges obscene has been upheld in the first round of a test case.

In a trial preceded by the announcement by both sides that they would pursue the case to the U. S. Supreme Court if necessary, Recorder's Judge John A. Ricca found a district sales representative guilty of selling a book classified as "objectionable" by the censor. He was fined \$100. The case was set up by prearrangement when the defendant sold a copy of the banned book to Inspector Herbert Case, the police censor.

THE BOOK in question, "The Devil Rides Outside" is one of some 150 books placed in the "objectionable" category by Inspector Case and the county prosecutor's office; and was also found "objectionable for youth" by the National Organization for Decent Literature. The 150 "objectionable" books, as well as 45 others described as "partly objectionable" were banned under the State act which forbids the sale of paper-bound volumes which are obscene and tend to corrupt the morals of youth.

In this three-page decision, Judge Ricca held that the State law does not violate either the First and Fourteenth Amendments to the U. S. Constitution or the "freedom of the press" provision of the Michigan Constitution.

The judge held the book in question to be "obscene, immoral, lewd and lascivious," and declared that the police power may be used in the public interest to prevent the corruption of the morality of youth.

THE AUTHOR himself testified that the book was primarily based on religion and that there was no intention to make it obscene. Also testifying in defense

India Has Nearly 5 Million Catholics

New Delhi, India — (NC) — There are 4,976,194 Catholics in India, reports the official Catholic directory for 1954, recently published here. The figures include Goa.

of the novel, Professors Scully Bradley of the University of Pennsylvania and Frank L. Hurstley of the University of Michigan contended that it has "great literary value, and is a serious work that relates a deeply religious experience."

Professor Charles C. Hollis of the University of Detroit also said the book has literary merit and is well-intentioned. But he said that the allegedly lewd passages are not needed to establish the novel's point. His view was echoed by Judge Ricca, who declared:

"There is little question as to the sincerity of purpose of the author in writing this book, but such sincerity does not afford him the privilege or license of violating the law and then seeking to justify it under the guise of being absolutely necessary to maintain the literary value of the book."

Defense Counsel William Comp said the conviction would be appealed to the State Supreme Court.

Evidence Guild Lists Boardwalk Meetings

Atlantic City, N. J.—(NC)—Something new has been added on the world famous Boardwalk in Atlantic City.

The Catholic Evidence Guild of the Camden diocese has inaugurated a series of Friday meetings to be held next to the famous Steel Pier. The Guild announced that the meetings will continue through September.

The schedule calls for two speakers at each meeting who will discuss a subject dealing with the teachings of the Catholic Church. A question-and-answer period is held at the end of the talks. Thus far speakers have discussed miracles and marriage and divorce. The Guild reported that the audiences, which have numbered more than 500, have been "most receptive."

Father Edward J. O'Connor of Egg Harbor, N. J., is the moderator of the Guild.

World War II Chaplain

Priest Cancer Victim Gets Welcome Death

St. Paul, Kans. — Father Julius Busse, C.P., 47, whose heroic acceptance of death by cancer stirred national admiration, was buried here (July 16) at St. Francis Monastery with military honors.

Bishop Mark K. Carroll of Wichita, Kan., offered the Requiem Mass, assisted by Father Neil Parsons, C.P., Provincial of the Passionists' Holy Cross Province, and Father Roch Adamek, C.P., rector of the Monastery.

SPEAKING AFTER the Mass, Bishop Carroll told almost 800 persons who filled the Monastery chapel that Father Busse had "died the best way a man could die, a true citizen of his country, and holding the crucifix in his hands."

Father Busse who, as an Army chaplain in World War II was twice wounded in action, was honored with the Bronze and Silver Stars for gallantry in action, and received the Purple Heart, could have died a number of times on the battle field, the Bishop said. But God gave him this time and manner in which to die, so that he might fully prepare for death—and be an example for good to others, the prelate added.

It was in 1952 that Father Busse first learned that he had abdominal cancer when he visited Mercy Hospital in Parsons, Kan., in preparation for a trip to Osaka, Japan, where he was going to found a Passionist monastery. After four operations, he was told his case was incurable. Last January doctors advised him death was near. The faith with which he received the news attracted the admiration of the nation.

AMONG THOSE attending Father Busse's funeral were his 80-year-old mother, his five brothers and four sisters. Military honors were rendered by members of St. Paul (Kans.) American Legion Post. Garbed in his Passionist habit, Father Busse was buried in a flag-draped coffin in the Monastery garden of St. Francis.

The 47-year-old priest started the American press last January when he said to die of cancer was a privilege. He received



Death came last week to Father Julius Busse, 46-year-old cancer victim. Photo shows him in his hospital bed at Parsons, Kansas, where last January he startled the nation's press by announcing that he considered it a privilege to die of cancer. Such a disease, he said, gave him time to prepare for death. Men don't fear death when they know it is certain, he said.

ceived with a smile the announcement that he was to die of the dread disease, explaining that he would now have time to prepare for death — "And I welcome death. Aren't you glad to go home when your day's work is done?"

THOUSANDS OF letters and promises of prayers poured in as the once-husky priest continued to waste away from the abdominal cancer that had attacked him. The response amazed the simple priest.

"A tremendous amount of prayer is being concentrated on me," Father Busse said. "I can't believe my life is worth it."

At Easter, the priest suddenly rallied to the amazement of his doctors. His physician called it "one of those things that can't be medically explained." Father Busse said he hadn't lost his desire to die.

The priest's condition deteriorated last month and his sufferings mounted. On July 13 his 80-year-old mother visited him. "I am prepared to go now," the priest told a nurse. Two hours later he died.

Kennedy Foundation Aids Institutions

Boston, Mass.—(NC)—Gifts to a Catholic boys center and an East Boston parish were included in a \$137,500 contribution to organizations by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation here.

The Catholic Boys Guidance Center of Boston received \$5,000 for an addition to its wood working shop. A gift of \$2,500 went to Our Lady of the Assumption Church in East Boston "in grateful appreciation of the warm and close relationship of our grandfather's family during many years with the pastors and curates of this parish."

The foundation was established by former Ambassador to Britain Joseph P. Kennedy in memory of his eldest son who was killed in World War II.







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