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Beginnings, Mich. — (NC) — The first edition of the Lansing Catholic Weekly will be published on August 1, Father Nell O'Connor, editor, has announced.

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## Vietnam Premier Left Benedictine Abbey To Save Nation From Communist Rule

Saigon, Southern Vietnam — (NC) — With half of their nation already ceded to the Reds by the Geneva Agreement, the Vietnamese—less than 10 per cent Catholic—are looking to a man who is not only a devout Catholic but a Benedictine oblate to save the country from complete communist domination.

THE MAN facing this formidable task is the new Vietnamese Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem, who has devoted his whole life to working for his country's independence.

Two years ago, while staying in New York City, Prime Minister Diem was received as an oblate of the Benedictine Order by Father Raymond de Jaeger, it has been learned here. A Benedictine oblate remains a layman and does not become a member of the Order, but he may reside in a monastery with the permission of his superior. —The Prime Minister was living at St. Ann's Abbey near Angers, Belgium, before being named to his present post.

Prime Minister Ngo Dinh Diem is a member of one of Vietnam's outstanding Catholic families. He is the brother of Bishop Peter Ngo Dinh Thuc, Vicar Apostolic of Vinh Long, and Ngo Dinh Nhu, leader of the Catholic trade union movement and head of the National Unity and Peace Movement. Another brother was killed by the communist Vietminh.

Born in Quang Binh in Central Vietnam in 1901, the Prime Minister was the son of the advisor to Emperor Bao Dai, trained for the government service, he was serving as governor of Phan-Thiet Province in 1933 when Emperor Bao Dai appointed him Minister of the Interior and secretary of the Commission for Reforms. An ardent nationalist, he soon resigned his posts when he saw that there would be no chance of his country's gaining its independence under the new emperor.

HE WAS OFFERED the post of Prime Minister for the first time by Emperor Bao Dai in 1945, but refused it then and on three later occasions because of his stand on the independence issue. Four years ago he left Vietnam because of disagreements with Bao Dai, going to live in France and Belgium after visit-

ing the United States and other countries. In January of this year he decided to retire from politics and entered St. Anne Abbey as an oblate. Shortly before the fall of

the fortress of Dien Bien Phu he returned to Vietnam to become Prime Minister after Chief of State Bao Dai issued a decree granting him full powers to direct the country's affairs.

## MEXICO'S FIRST LADY



Mexico City—Archbishop Luis Maria Martines of Mexico City chats with Señora Dona Maria Inguirre de Ruiz Cortines, wife of the President of Mexico, at the dedication of a crown between two towers in front of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe near here. Mexico's First Lady is patroness of the monumental crown, given to the Basilica by a prominent Catholic layman of Mexico City. Made of brass, the crown is painted gold and measures nearly 18 feet in diameter and 20 feet in height. During religious festivals, it is lighted by some 1,000 bulbs and hundreds of feet of neon tubes. (RNS Photo)

## Case Of Cardinal's Arrest Urged Before UN Body

Washington — (NC) — A request that the case of Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, Primate of Poland, be brought before the United Nations has been sent to Secretary of State John Foster Dulles by Rep. Ray J. Madden of Indiana.

IN AN ADDRESS before the House, in which the request was revealed, Rep. Madden said: "This week I received hundreds of petitions containing approximately 20,000 signatures from citizens of East Chicago, Indiana, and adjoining areas, asking that the case of His Eminence, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński, and other priests and religious co-workers under arrest in Poland, be presented to and investigated by the United Nations... when they meet in New York on September 17."

Rep. Madden, who is a member of the special congressional committee for the investigation of Communist aggression, told the members of the House that the committee's finding revealed that the clergy had received "more barbaric brain-washing torture than any atrocities committed in world history."

"CARDINAL WYSZYNSKI," he said, and Cardinal Mindszenty of Hungary, Cardinal Stepinac of Yugoslavia, and hundreds of

## Marines Honor Cardinal At Washington Barracks

Washington, D. C. — (NC) — Drums, bugles and brasses blended in the rousing strains as precision-trained troops marched and presented a salute to a Prince of the Church.

The scene was the Marine Barracks here, where His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, was paid high honors by the United States Marine Corps in his capacity of Military Vicar to Catholic men and women in the armed forces.

Greeted by General Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., Marine Corps commandant, Cardinal Spellman was the reviewing dignitary at a Sunset Parade staged at the barracks. This is a ceremony held there every Friday from April to September when the Marines pay evening honors to the United States flag.

ACCOMPANIED by Msgr. (Rear Admiral) Maurice S. Sheehy, of the Navy Chaplains Corps, and flanked by high ranking Navy and Marine officers, Cardinal Spellman stood to attention for the lowering of the colors and to take the salute of the trim Marines passing in review.

"It was a wonderful display. I am deeply honored to have been invited here," was the Cardinal's comment after the parade had marched off the parade ground and he shook hands with the members of the officers corps.

Cardinal Spellman received another tribute at a dinner tendered him by General Shepherd at the Commandant's residence when he was presented with a new set of Marine Corps colors in token of the Corps' appreciation of his work as Military Vicar. Accepting the gift, he said he was "deeply honored" to receive such a treasured emblem from a fighting corps whose record is a source of pride to all Americans.

AMONG THOSE who were on

hand to greet Cardinal Spellman on his visit to the Marine Barracks were Admiral Arthur W. Radford, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; Rear Admiral E. R. Harp, Jr., Chief of Navy Chaplains; Vice Admirals Donald B. Duncan and John H. Cassidy; Lieutenant General William O. Bruce and Randolph M. Pate, assistant to the commandant; and Major General Christian F. Schlitz, John T. Selden and Edwin A. Pollock.

Earlier Cardinal Spellman visited briefly with President Eisenhower at the White House. Afterwards he attended a lunch at the White House as a guest of Sherman Adams, assistant to President Eisenhower, and Bernard M. Shanley, special counsel to the President. Others at the lunch were Msgr. Sheehy, who is head of the department of religion at the Catholic University of America; and Brig. Gen. Paul T. Carroll, White House staff secretary.

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## Louisiana Honors Chief Justice White

Shreveport, La. — (NC) — Louisiana's second gift to the National Hall of Statuary in the Capitol at Washington, will be a life-size bronze statue of Edward Douglass White, the second Catholic to serve as Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

A contract for the statue has been awarded to Arthur C. Morgan of this city. The award was announced by Associate Justice Sam A. Latham of the Louisiana Supreme Court, chairman of a commission named by the 1952 State Legislature to prepare a statue of Chief Justice White for the Hall in Washington.

Chief Justice White, who served in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States, was U.S. Senator from Louisiana in 1893 when he was named a Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He was named Chief Justice in 1910 and served until his death in 1921. His father, also Edward Douglass White, served as Governor of Louisiana and as a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from his State.

## Aviation Pioneer Dies At Notre Dame

Notre Dame, Ind. — (NC) — A requiem Mass for Dr. Albert F. Zahm, 92, one of the nation's pioneers of flight, was celebrated here by Archbishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Philadelphia.

Archbishop O'Hara is a former president of Notre Dame University where Dr. Zahm conducted his first experiments in aeronautics more than 30 years ago. Dr. Zahm died July 23 here on the campus. He had been bed-ridden since suffering a fractured hip last year.

A former faculty member here at Notre Dame and at the Catholic University of America in Washington, Dr. Zahm was a noted inventor and is generally acclaimed as one of the founders of modern aeronautical science.

## Vernacular Society To Meet Aug. 18

Milwaukee — (NC) — The Vernacular Society will hold its annual meeting here August 18, during the 15th Liturgical Week of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. "The Vernacular Society," according to Amen, its bulletin, was formed in 1946 to study, in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church and with due regard of ecclesiastical authority, the possibilities of a greater use in parishes of English in the public prayers, the rites and ceremonies and the administration of the Sacraments, to the greater glory of God and the sanctification of souls." Msgr. Joseph P. Morrison of Chicago is president.

## Nuns Attend Radio-TV Workshop

Philadelphia, Pa. — (NC) — A Radio-Television Workshop will brief 18 Sisters of St. Joseph at Chestnut Hill College here on the educational possibilities of radio and TV in the classroom. The course, first of its kind for religious in this area, will include lectures by specialists from three Philadelphia broadcasting stations.

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