

Priest Sings Hindi Song For Indian Inquiry Group

Nagpur, India — (NC) — A German-born Catholic priest created a sensation by singing a self-composed Hindi song before the missionary inquiry committee of this state.

Father Leonard Jungblut, S.V.D. displayed his mastery of India's national language while giving evidence before the committee of the work done by Catholic missionaries among the Bahais, a primitive tribe of Madhya Pradesh (Central province).

Hindu organizations had earlier charged that missionaries were "buying" converts among Bahais. Mass conversions among the Bahais has become a baffling problem to Hindu groups. Some say that the treatment the Bahais receive in a caste society where they are looked down upon, helped to bring them to Christianity.

Father Jungblut said the only bait Catholic missionaries employed was the language of love in which they spoke to the people. It was this language and treatment of Bahais as children of God that brought them into the Catholic fold, he added.

The missionary inquiry committee was appointed by the Madhya Pradesh government to report on alleged unlawful methods of conversion used by Christian missionaries. It is now touring the state's districts to collect evidence. A representative of the Catholics is accompanying the committee.

Polish Reds Open 'Children's Town'

Berlin — (NC) — A second "children's town" has been opened by the Polish communist regime in Szczecin (Stettin) province. Called Darlowek, it has accommodations for 800 children.

The town is designed for the children of workers and aims at indoctrinating the children in communism from their earliest years. An earlier "children's town" opened in the province is called Podgodzie.

POPE APPEARS FIT



Castelgandolfo, Italy — Disputing reports that he was seriously ill again, a smiling Pope Pius XII waves from a courtyard balcony at his summer residence here to some 5,000 pilgrims received at a mass audience. The 78-year-old Pontiff, who had been ailing for several days, limited the audience to giving his paternal greeting and apostolic blessing. The Pope was said to be suffering from recurrent bouts of lightheadedness due to fatigue brought on by overwork. He has been urged by his personal physician to curtail his activity and receive only his closest associates. This the Pope has been reluctant to do. (RNS Photo)

Weakness Of Pope Result Of Overwork

Castelgandolfo, Italy — (NC) — The health of His Holiness Pope Pius XII has again become a matter of alternating concern and reassurance.

On several public appearances recently, the Holy Father seemed to be fluctuating between an appearance of basic vitality and extreme tiredness. Meanwhile, Osservatore Romano, Vatican City newspaper, twice referred to the fact that the Pope "has not yet completely recovered" from his illness of last winter and that he is suffering from a "passing indisposition."

THE CONDITION of the 78-year-old Pontiff is regarded by prudent and informed people here as serious, but not downright alarming, at the moment.

The seriousness of his condition is attributed to three factors: his advanced age, his recent medical history, and his own refusal to ease his heavy schedule and his taxing round of audiences.

The Holy Father's personal physician, Dr. Elicardo Galeazzi, was quoted by an extremely well-informed source as saying that the Pope is not sick, but "tired" from activities which would wear down anyone who did not have the Pontiff's nearly perfect nervous system.

Despite the injunctions of his medical adviser, the Pope has insisted on maintaining his rigorous program of private and general audiences, although on a number of occasions he was obviously tired to the point of exhaustion.

When it was noted last week that the Holy Father had seemed somewhat "low" for several days, it was arranged that he should spare himself the exhausting effort of talking in a dozen different languages to the pilgrims gathered in the courtyard of Castelgandolfo for the general audiences on Thursdays and Sundays.

SHORTLY BEFORE the Thursday audience (Sept. 16) began, Jesuit Fathers from the astronomical observatory at Castelgandolfo announced in various languages that the Holy Father would limit himself to imparting his blessing. But what happened? When the Pope found himself again in the presence of a large throng of cheering people he went through his usual procedure, however, the Pontiff heeded the advice of his doctor and remained for some time in the arms of a group of American

Catholic Paper Increase Near End, Growth In Circulation Next Step

Denver, Colo. — (NC) — Editors and staff members from the 32 papers in the Denver Catholic Register system of newspapers were told here that a good sign of the progress of the Catholic Press is that there is no longer room for more papers in this country.

Auxiliary Bishop Clarence G. Isenmann of Cincinnati, speaking at the closing banquet of the four-day Register Workshop here said that of the 137 dioceses in the country, 114 have their own weekly paper or receive the weekly paper of another diocese.

The other 23 dioceses are without a Catholic paper in that they are served by either one of the two weekly national papers, he stated.

"Growth must now come in circulation," Bishop Isenmann said. "This can be done through a constant educative campaign to make more readers, both of our Faith, as well as those interested in our Faith. Even the placing of our papers on selected newsstands would help."

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LISTEN TO HIS CALL

During October Pope Pius XII asks us to appeal for new members of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association. "Near East Missions" of the Holy Father are in 12 countries of the Middle East and on the West Coast of India. Besides, we care for the refugees of the Holy Land and for those from beyond the Iron Curtain. The Pope has refugees for them, even in Rome. Your membership offering is a priceless gift to the Holy Father.

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Jailed Nazi Leaders Recall Memory Of U. S. Chaplain

Berlin — (NC) — The memory of an American priest still lives among seven former Nazi political and military leaders who are serving sentences in the Spandau prison, in the British sector of Berlin, imposed by the Nuremberg International Tribunal in 1946.

Boldur von Schirach, leader of the Hitler Youth Movement, who was condemned to 20 years' imprisonment, speaks in terms of special affection and gratitude of Father Sixtus R. O'Connor, O.F.M., now stationed at Loudonville, N.Y., who was chaplain to the Nuremberg prison during the trial of the leading Nazis.

WHEN A FRENCH Catholic conscript from Alsace who had been sentenced to two years or so took over the post of guard in the Spandau prison recently, he expressed admiration of a lovely wooden crucifix carved in Bavaria and now hanging in von Schirach's cell.

At the Catholic guard and the 47-year-old prisoner stood looking at the crucifix, the latter recalled that he had been brought back to the Faith through the influence of Father Sixtus. He said that when he had been taken to Nuremberg in October, 1945, he was a pagan and rather hostile to Christianity, but gradually, as a result of many talks and discussions with the American chaplain he had become convinced of his errors.

It is understood that von Schirach is writing his memoirs and will devote a special chapter to Father Sixtus. Father Sixtus, who was attached at one time to the Franciscan church on West 31st Street in mid-Manhattan, New York, served for almost three years as chaplain of the U.S. 11th Armored Division, and later was assigned to the 26th Infantry Regiment of the First Division. He is a fluent German speaker, having studied at the universities of Munich and Bonn.

EVEN MORE enthusiastic tribute was paid to Father Sixtus by Hans Fritzsche, former deputy to Dr. Goebbels, the Nazi Minister of Propaganda, who also was brought to the Nuremberg prison for trial but was acquitted. Herr Fritzsche died recently and his memoirs were edited by his widow, Hildegard Springer-Fritzsche.

"Father Sixtus, a young, energetic American," Herr Fritzsche wrote, "enjoyed the high regard of the Nuremberg prison inmates, an admiration which was not confined to the Catholic prisoners. He understood life's realities and this circumstance was of great advantage for the exercise of his spiritual duties."

Herr Fritzsche gave credit to Father Sixtus for what he said was a recognizable change in the attitude of two other prisoners toward the Church—Hans Frank, governor of Nazi-occupied Poland, and Ernsse Kaltenbrunner, Austrian Gestapo chief, both of whom were hanged for their crimes. Before going to the gallows, Frank offered his life in atonement for his sins.

HEER FRITZSCHE said he was especially impressed by the fairness with which Father Sixtus approached Dr. Kaltenbrunner.

"It is a fact," he said, "that nearly all the statements made by Kaltenbrunner were met with deep mistrust. There was only one person who never ceased to point out that injustice was done to Kaltenbrunner in doubting his statements. This man, a cool and sober observer who spoke without prejudice to the high spiritual office he held, was the American Catholic chaplain of Father Sixtus."

Four for a Cent
The mite, coin of Biblical times, would have a value of 14 cent today.

Bishop Sheen Book In Pocket-Size

New York — (NC) — The first of Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's booklets published in pocket-size, paper-bound format, has been released nationally in a 2-cent edition. It has been announced here by Popular Library, Inc., publisher.

The publisher said more than 200,000 copies of "The Eternal Galleon" will be distributed to newsstands. Advance orders for the book which the New York Auxiliary Bishop wrote in 1934 have passed the 50,000 mark. It now is in its second pre-publication printing.

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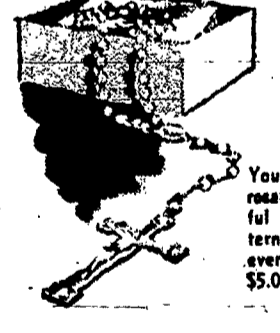
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