

Marian Rally Draws 150,000 In Washington

Washington—(NC)—A crowd estimated at 150,000 gathered at the grounds of the Washington Monument here in a tremendous public affirmation of their devotion to Mary, Queen of Peace. It was one of the largest religious gatherings in the Capital's history.

The Washington Archdiocesan Marian Year Rally featured an afternoon Mass offered by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States, and a sermon by Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York, national director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Archbishop Patrick A. O'Boyle of Washington presided. Within range of the speakers' voices was the White House, nearby stood the buildings of the Atomic Energy Commission, and down the magnificent Mall in plain view of the crowd was the United States Capitol. Surrounded by such sites of great decisions, the Catholics of Washington prayed for a solution to the problems facing America's leaders and her people.

THEY HEARD Bishop Sheen say that the Blessed Mother can give the solution. He said the problem is at bottom "a divorce between Our Lord Jesus Christ and His Cross."

The last mass demonstration of Washington's devotion to Mary was in 1951 when 70,000 persons gathered at the Monument grounds for a Rosary Crusade Rally led by Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. A balmy Indian Summer day brought out more people than were expected for the Marian Year Rally. The 150,000 estimate of the crowd was made by Edward J. Kelly, superintendent of National Capital Parks.

New Irish Envoy Presented To Pope

Castellana Grotte, Italy—(Radio NC)—A full ceremonial greeting was extended to Cornelius Christopher Crenin, new Irish Ambassador to the Holy See, when he arrived at the papal summer palace here to present his credentials to His Holiness Pope Pius XII. He was received in solemn audience by the Holy Father.

'Ragpickers Apostle' Prepares Winter Campaign For Homeless Of Paris

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(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

What has become of Abbe Pierre?

The whole world remembers the French priest's dramatic and hugely successful campaign on behalf of the homeless of Paris last winter. Within an unbelievably short time 40 reception centers for the homeless and poor were opened and construction begun on emergency housing. Most striking success of the Capuchin monk's work was the building of a whole new town, the Paris community of Plessis-Trevis, where 48 new

homes were put up in 80 days. But what has Abbe Pierre been doing since then? What are his plans for the future?

Now at a Paris retreat house after finishing a lecture tour of France, Belgium and Switzerland, he is preparing to launch his campaign anew this winter. He is also working on a book whose title will be "Misery Judges the World."

The Abbe's rise to national fame took place in one day. World fame soon followed.

LAST JANUARY 31, relatively unknown although he had served as a member of France's National Assembly, he decided to help the homeless of Paris then suffering in the city's worst cold wave in a decade. Known as the "ragpickers' apostle"—he had founded a small community of down-and-outers who helped support themselves by recovering tags and other useful items from

trash heaps—he was virtually without resources.

On February 1 he was one of the country's best loved figures and had several million francs at his disposal for aid to the poor.

A radio broadcast had made the difference.

Abbe Pierre's stirring radio appeal to Frenchmen to come to the aid of their less fortunate countrymen touched the nation's heart. From all sides gifts poured in. Within a few weeks the priest had collected some 400 million francs (about \$1,250,000). On January 31 he had been working almost alone. Several days later he had an army of volunteers. Newspapersmen who went to see him to get "hot copy" gave up their work to help him.

AS A RESULT of his campaign more than 2,000 of the Paris homeless were housed, dressed, fed and cared for. Some 30,000 additional French families were clothed. Thanks to "Operation Riddance," cellars and granaries were emptied and thousands of tons of supplies were given to the poor. So much was donated that one of the centers where it was stored, in the d'Orsay railroad station, almost collapsed from the weight.

Land for housing was acquired in the Paris suburbs, where 1,164 houses are now under construction. In addition, Abbe Pierre goaded the government into adopting a plan calling for the building of 12,000 emergency lodgings.

In spite of his campaign's great success, Abbe Pierre continues to point out that what has been done so far is nothing compared with what remains to be done.

Today trucks are travelling throughout France. They are marked with only one name: Abbe Pierre. But that is enough for everyone. Everybody understands and contributes.

City Laws Plan To Curb Sale Of Lewd Comics

New Orleans—(NC)—Two ordinances have been introduced in the New Orleans City Council aimed at banning the sale of offensive books. They are identical except that one applies to the sale of such books to persons under 17, and the other for those over 17 years. A \$100 fine or 60-day jail sentence or both would be the maximum penalty after conviction.

The ordinances provide that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, or corporation to sell, offer for sale, distribute, lend, or give away any "comic" book dealing with horror or crime, or that which is sexually or morally indecent, or portrays deeds of brutality or violence.

MURRAY CLEVELAND, attorney for the Louisiana Pharmaceutical Association, pointed out the individual druggist has difficulty in selecting the books which should be banned. He said that it would be impossible for the druggist to go through all the literature which comes into the drug store.

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Family Allowance Operates In Chicago

Chicago—(NC)—One plan of family allowances is already in operation here.

The D. E. Hansen and Sons Company, a religious goods concern, awards \$200 for each child born to an employee. In addition the child is given \$100 on each of its birthdays until it reaches the age of 14, according to present arrangements.

Although the terminal date of 14 years on the bonuses is currently being used, this date has not been settled definitely. The Hansen Company says that it is undecided whether to end payments at the beginning of high school, or of college, or at the end of college.

In addition to the family allowance plan, the company also has a bonus payment policy by which employees after a stated time of employment share in the profits of the business.

FIRST NUN AMONG ESKIMOS



Montreal, Canada—Sister Naya, first Eskimo girl to become a nun in the Catholic Church, is shown at prayer at the Ougivouk Eskimo Hospital on Hudson Bay, where she is assigned. A member of the Grey Nuns of Quebec, Sister Naya took her vows in 1951 before Bishop Massé of Quebec. She is now at the Ougivouk Eskimo Hospital, in Canada's far North. Boreas in a typical Igloo, Sister Naya spent four years with the Grey Nuns before joining the order. She is the daughter of a sorcerer whose wife became the first convert to Christianity at the Mission of Eskimo Point. (RNS Photo)

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Appoints Committee On Evil Literature

Buffalo—(NC)—The City of Buffalo has set up a 15-member Citizens Advisory Committee on Salacious Literature in its new drive against such publications.

The committee, named by Buffalo's police commissioner and corporation counsel, includes two representatives of the Buffalo Catholic Diocese, chairman of the English departments of the city's colleges and universities, editorial leaders from Buffalo's newspapers, public school lead-

ers, the Episcopal bishop of Western New York, a rabbi, librarian and several business leaders.

Meanwhile, a Supreme Court justice granted the city a show cause order for a temporary injunction restraining further sale of a monthly magazine which the corporation counsel labeled "indecent."

The order named a New York City publishing concern, a Buffalo delicatessen concern and a local periodical distributor.

Cardinal Newman Eyed For Sainthood

London—British ecclesiastical authorities are planning a first step toward the possible canonization of John Henry Cardinal Newman, famous convert from Anglicanism who helped to light Britain's "Second Spring" 100 years ago. It was learned here.

This would involve setting up a canonical inquiry in the Archdiocese of Birmingham, which includes Oxford and other places intimately connected with the Cardinal's later years, in order to collect enough evidence for the Vatican to allow his cause to proceed.

In Cardinal Newman's case, this evidence would include statements from living witnesses who in their youth met and knew him before his death in 1890 at the age of 89. Published studies on his life by reliable international scholars would also be submitted.

Living links with Cardinal Newman include Father Denis Shell, now aged 89, who is still living at the Birmingham Oratory which Cardinal Newman founded, and Ignatius Chinn, an Oratory parishioner who was ten at the time of the Cardinal's death.

"I remember him well for his great kindness to children," Mr. Chinn told the Universe, British national Catholic weekly. "Often he brought us sweets from a stall which my aunt ran. I remember him too as a great preacher, though I was too young to retain distinct memories of what he said."

MR. CHINN WAS one of the two boys who served Cardinal Newman's last Mass at the Oratory.

Father Shell was among a number of converts who were influenced by Cardinal Newman's writings. Two other well-known English Catholics who were boys at the Birmingham school were the late Hilaire Belloc, and John Pius Boland, 84, who was formerly a member of parliament and served for 21 years as secretary of the Catholic Truth Society.

Father Zeno, a Dutch Capuchin, is at present writing a searching volume on Cardinal Newman's sanctity. He is spending much time in England reading the Cardinal's many documents and letters now preserved at the Birmingham Oratory.

His Holiness Pope Pius XII is known to be personally interested in Cardinal Newman's life and work.

Appreciation of Cardinal Newman's greatness has spread more rapidly abroad—particularly in the United States, Canada, Germany and Holland—than in this country. A first picture-prayer card seeking to promote intercession for the Cardinal's cause was issued under the authority of the Archbishop of Toronto 12 years ago. A second one has been published remarkably enough, in Madrid, Spain.

British High Court Names Catholic

London—(NC)—John Maude, lawyer and former Conservative member of parliament, has become the fourth Catholic named to the British High Court. He is the son of Actor Cyril Maude, and has appeared in many notable trials here.

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