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Grotto on Campus
New Orleans, La. (RNS) —
Students of Holy Cross High
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ing a 60-foot wide grotto of Our
Lady of Lourdes on the campus.

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Czech Reds Halt Attacks On Church

Vienna—(NC)—The Prague
communist regime has called a
temporary halt to its anti-
religious campaign, according to
information reaching here.

The call to stop the long-standing, anti-Church campaign was
reportedly given by Czechoslovak
Premier Klement Gottwald im-
mediately after his return from Mos-
cow where he attended the Iron
Curtain collective security con-
ference.

Siroky's instructions to govern-
ment offices and Red party offi-
cials is said to have asked that
no obstacles be placed in the
way of religious Christmas cele-
brations, particularly in the coun-
try side.

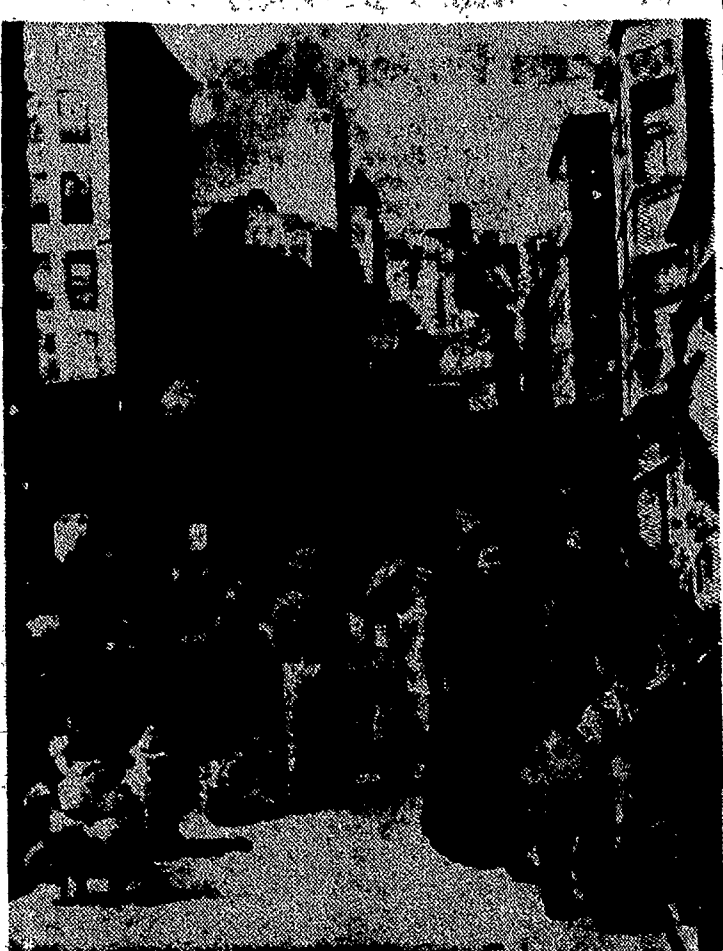
At the same time the militant
Red youth organization — for
years the nucleus of the anti-
God propaganda — has been told
to cease for the time being its
anti-religious campaign.

Full-Time BBC Post Given Priest

London—(RNS)—Father Ag-
nellus Andrew, O.F.M., a mem-
ber of the British Broadcasting
Corporation's religious panel of
advisers since 1945, will soon be
named full-time Catholic assis-
tant to the head of the agency's
religious program department, it
was learned here.

Father Andrew, Britain's lead-
ing Catholic radio priest, made a
lecture tour of the United States
last year.

AMERICAN SAINT



MOTHER CABRINI, canon-
ized in 1946, is the first Amer-
ican citizen to be raised to the
honors of the altar. She
was born in 1859 in Lombardy,
Italy, the youngest of thirteen
children. Pope Leo XIII urged
her to direct her missionary
zeal to the Italian immigrants
in the United States and Latin
America. St. Francis Xavier
Cabrini was a woman of
ingenuity, simplicity and ex-
ceptional common sense, and
established numerous apostolic
convents of her Sisters of the
Sacred Heart, the community
she founded. Mother Cabrini
superintended the erection of
schools, hospitals, aid centers,
etc., in New York, Chicago,
Los Angeles, Denver, Philadel-
phia, and other American cities.
She died in Chicago in 1917
and her body now lies beneath
the high altar of the chapel
in Mother Cabrini High School,
New York City. Her feast is
Dec. 22.

Red-Held Priest Seeks Winter Garb

Hong Kong—(NC)—An impris-
oned missionary in communist
Shanghai has written to con-
ferees asking for clothing.

Father Joseph McCormack, a
Maryknoller from New York, has
been allowed to send two letters,
dated October 19 and October 25,
from prison.

Giving no indication of his
health, he asked for a cotton-
padded jacket and trousers, for
underwear, socks and a pair of
shoes. He also asked for funds to
buy other winter clothing.

These articles were later de-
livered to the police office, Leka-
wel branch, to be forwarded to
the imprisoned priest.

On seeing the letters, Bishop
James E. Walsh, Maryknoller
from Cumberland, Md., still in
Shanghai, commented that the
"missionary's scrawl was the
same as ever."

President Dedicates Colombia To Virgin

Bogota—(RNS)—President
Gustavo Rojas Pinilla dedicated
Colombia to the Virgin Mary at
closing ceremonies here of a five-
day National Marian Congress.

The Presidential proclamation
climaxed a procession honoring
an image of Our Lady of Chiqui-
guira, deeply venerated by Co-
lombians and consecrated many
years ago as "Queen of Colom-
bia."

"As the representative of Co-
lombia and as a fervent Catholic,"
President Rojas said, "I conse-
crate the republic to the Most
Holy Virgin Mary."

Cardinal Feith Wartime Promise Fulfilled, New Paris Church Opens

Paris—(NC)—A new church dedi-
cated to Mary, Media-
trix of All Graces, was opened here on the feast of the Im-
maculate Conception, fulfilling the wartime promise of the
late Cardinal Suhard to build
such a church if Paris was saved
from destruction.

His Eminence Maurice Cardinal
Feith, Archbishop of Paris,
opened the church, which is situ-
ated on a hill overlooking the
eastern end of the city.

The building is really two
churches in one. On a lower level,
built into the side of the hill, is
a sanctuary dedicated to Our
Lady of Peace. The main church
is on the upper level. It is flanked
by a 165-foot tower. Money to
build the edifice was raised by
collections in Parish churches.

The new church is the 130th
built in Paris during the past 25
years, six of which were war
years. In 1931 the late Cardinal
Verdier began a church building
campaign that still continues
when he set up a construction
committee which has since erect-
ed a large number of churches,
especially in working class dis-
tricts.

CARDINAL SUHARD made his
promise to build the new church
on the feast of the Assumption in
1944. Speaking before a large
crowd gathered in front of Notre
Dame Cathedral shortly before
the city's liberation, the Cardinal
declared:

"Our Lady, our patroness, per-
mit the Archbishop of Paris and
his people, as testimony of their
boundless confidence in you, to
make to you today a double vow.
We promise you to celebrate each
year the feast of your universal
mediation. We should like to offer
you besides, under the name of
Our Lady, Mediatrix of All
Graces, a new parish church.
Please accept our promise."

Women 'Superior' To Men, Bishop Says

London—(NC)—Bishop John C.
Heenan of Leeds, at a Marian
Year rally in Newcastle-on-Tyne,
said he sometimes wondered why
women try to claim equality with
men—"when they are really su-
perior to them."

Women are more gentle, lov-
ing, heroic and sympathetic, and
any man worthy to be called a
man would admit their superior-
ty, he declared.

"Some may wonder why we
have a year for Mary," the Bishop
said. "I suggest that in proclaim-
ing Marian Year the Holy Father
realized that the world needed
God's Mother very badly. Science
has brought into being what is
capable of destroying the world.
Would it be wrong to say that
the Marian Year is the Church's
answer to the hydrogen bomb?"

WHAT COULD BE

Someone has figured out that
if Texas were as thickly popu-
lated as Rhode Island, it would
have a population of around 178
million.

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War and Peace
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Americans Survey Salerno Flood Area

Rome—(RNS)—Mgr. Edward
E. Swanson of New York, di-
rector of War Relief Service-
National Catholic Welfare Con-
ference, and Mgr. Andrew P.
Landi, the agency's representa-
tive in Italy, returned here after
a tour of Salerno, a village near
Salerno, Italy, to survey damage
caused there by severe floods
late in October.

They said that on their return
to the United States, a complete
program for rehabilitating the
community would be drawn up
and that the possibility of con-
structing a new housing project
to accommodate all those who
lost their homes in the floods
would be discussed.

The two priests made the sur-
vey on behalf of His Eminence
Francis Cardinal Spellman, Arch-
bishop of New York.

Cardinal Spellman, who was in
Italy at the time of the floods,
toured Salerno with members of
the Pontifical Assistance Com-
mission a few days after the cat-
astrophe and announced then
that a fund drive for the home-
less, orphaned and injured sur-
vivors would be conducted in the
New York Archdiocese.

He predicted then that Ameri-
cans would respond generously
to the appeal because of their
heartfelt sympathy for the vic-
tims and estimated that an initial
fund of \$50,000 would be quickly
raised.

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