

Mohammedans Ask What Name Means

Malabang, Philippines — (NC) — Our Lady of Fatima has stirred the interest of Mohammedans here, according to Father Thomas Holohan, Columbian missionary.

What intrigued them most during the parish's Marian Congress was an inscription on an arch, "Our Lady of Fatima, Pray For Us," he said. Many of them thought that Catholics were honoring a daughter of Mohammed named Fatima.

One of their leaders approached Father Holohan after the procession and asked him the meaning of Fatima. He listened with great interest as the priest unfolded the story of the apparitions of Our Lady and of how the little town of Portugal got its name from a Mohammedan princess.

On other occasions, the Malabang pastor often found the same people staring reverently at the statue of Our Lady of Fatima in church.

"The name Fatima has an extraordinary attraction for these Moslems," Father Holohan said. "I feel sure that Our Lady of Fatima, using this attraction, will lead them into the One True Fold."

Chicago Priest Reported Suffering In Chinese Prison

Hong Kong — (RNS) — An American Catholic priest, jailed by the Chinese Communists 17 years ago, was seen alive in a Peking prison last summer by a Belgian priest.

The American was the Rev. Harold W. Rigney, S.V.D., of Chicago, who was recaptured by the Communists after his escape from Peking in 1945.

The Rev. Albert Scholer, a Belgian missionary freed in November by the Chinese, reported from his sickbed here that he had seen Father Rigney last summer in prison.

"The American was rather broken and passive," whereas normally he was active and jovial, the Belgian said.

He said Father Rigney was thin and haggard and seemed to be having more difficulty than the other prisoners because he couldn't speak Chinese.

Father Scholer reported that the American priest was accused of passing information to the American military.

Prisoned Five — Manila, Philippines — (NC) — Acting on complaints of Catholic authorities, the National Bureau of Investigation (Philippine FBI) has cracked down on printers and distributors of filthy literature here.

World Catholics Reported At 423,000,000

London — (NC) — The total Catholic population of the world is 423,000,000, according to the Catholic Directory for 1955, just issued here.

The directory says the Catholic population of England and Wales increased by 51,700 in the last 12 months, and that the total Catholic population for both areas is now 3,831,000.

Scotland is said to have a Catholic population of 764,831, an increase of 13,368 in the year, and Ireland a Catholic population of 2,812,571.

There are 61,885,571 Catholics in the English-speaking world, the directory says.

Famous Tribal Chief Baptized On Formosa

Taipei, Formosa — (NC) — Formosa's most famous tribal chief, Lord Mao of the Sun Moon Lake aborigines, has been baptized by Archbishop Anthony Riberi, Papal Internuncio to China.

Baptized at the same time were Lady Mao, two princesses and 20 members of the tribe.

Sun Moon Lake is the most popular resort on Formosa. The natives who live along its shore are well known to tourists for their colorful dances, one of which was specially performed for the Archbishop.

The baptisms were a big event for Father Armand J. Jacques, Maryknoll missionary who has been working among the natives of the Taichung Apostolic Prefecture, which includes Sun Moon Lake. He has already baptized all the inhabitants of one village there and has set up missions in several others.

Speaking of his work with the Sun Moon Lake tribe, Father Jacques said that making converts in their village was "something like doing missionary work on Coney Island."

College Campus — Portland, Me. — (RNS) — Our Lady of Mercy College, Maine's only Catholic institution of higher learning for women, has purchased a 115-acre estate in the scenic Sebago Lake region for \$25,000 as the site for a new campus.

FIRST NEGRO SERVITE



Frontrunner, Austria — Father Albert Masevele, of Africa, recently ordained in Rome as the first Negro priest in the Servite Order, distributes Holy Communion at a Mass in St. Amato's church here. The priest, a graduate of the Servite school in Breuerdorf, Zwanand, was on a tour of the order's monasteries in Austria. Father Masevele is expected to return to Africa in the spring. (RNS Photo)

White House Displays First Christmas Crib

Washington — (NC) — The traditionally beautiful Christmas decor at the White House has a new accent this year: beside the giant silver-tinsel tree in the East Room is a Nativity scene.

The crèche—the first White House Christmas Crib in the memory of the veteran guards—was the gift of a personal friend of Mrs. Eisenhower.

THE FIGURES of the Infant, His Blessed Mother, St. Joseph and the rest are all hand-carved of wood, delicately colored, and garbed in clothes made of real flannel. They stand about eight inches high.

The whole manger scene is depicted on a miniature stage about five feet long, with the little gold curtains drawn to reveal Our Lord's birth. The rare craftsmanship of the figures themselves is carried through in the stage setting, with the simple, low-roofed, gray stable backed by

a rich deep blue sky. IT WAS in the ornate East Room—where pipe branches and poinsettias on the four marbles supplemented the central attractions of the all-silver decorated tree and the crèche—that Mr. and Mrs. Eisenhower received the White House staff to wish them all a Merry Christmas before the President and First Lady flew to Augusta, Ga., for the holiday.

Each of the close to 700 staff members—gardeners, presidential aides, secretaries, chauffeurs, and all—received an 11-by-14 inch lithograph of the President's latest oil painting, a copy of a portrait of George Washington by Gilbert Stuart.

Belgium Votes Church School Subsidy Cut

Brussels — The Belgian Parliament voted 105 to 85 to reduce subsidies for the payment of salaries to teachers in religious schools, most of them operated by the Roman Catholic Church.

Twenty thousand teachers will be affected by the law, which cuts government subsidies 20 per cent for lay teachers and 10 per cent for religious instructors.

Vigorous debate preceded passage of the measure. The opposition Christian (Catholic) Party made several urgent appeals for postponement of action but was beaten by the ruling Liberal-Socialist coalition, which succeeded in limiting debate on the question.

According to Leo Collard, Minister of Education, there are 880 Catholic technical schools and 538 State schools. In the field of primary education, he said, there are 501 Catholic and 268 State schools.

Controversy over the government's plan to reduce subsidies has raged in Belgium for months. The government claims that the cuts are necessary for economic reasons.

During November, Catholic schools throughout the country struck for one day in protest against the pending bill. Catholic teachers in State schools joined the walkout, and Christian Social Party members staged demonstrations in eight cities.

126 Native Priests In Africa State

Kabgayi, Ruanda-Urundi — (NC) — Father Jean Baptiste Gasamuniga, Ruanda's newest priest, is the 126th African to be ordained in the Ruanda district since the first native received Holy Orders 30 years ago.

Ten of the priests ordained here have died. Of the rest, 72 are now working in the Apostolic Vicariate of Kabgayi and 34 in the Apostolic Vicariate of Nyanza, which is now headed by an African prelate, Bishop Louis Bigrumwami, the first native Bishop of Belgian Africa.

The Catholic population of Ruanda, which is a Belgian trust territory northwest of the Belgian Congo, is 1,068,000 or 26.5 per cent of the total population.

Catholic 'Creeping' Forward In U.S.

Chicago — (RNS) — Roman Catholics are "creeping forward" rather than "striding forward" in American society, the head of the University of Notre Dame's sociology department said here.

Dr. John J. Kane, scoffing at the idea held by some that because of their numerical growth, Catholics soon will become the dominant group in America, said:

"The (socio-economic) position of American Catholics in the twentieth century is better, but not so much better, than it was a century ago. Neither is it as high as one might expect, such as a sizable minority with a large educational system and reputed equality of opportunity in a democracy."

DR. KANE SPOKE on the Social Structure of American Catholics at the national convention of the American Catholic Sociological Society.

Most Catholics in this country, he said, apparently fall into the lower middle and lower classes in terms of education, income and occupation, although there are some in the upper middle and upper classes.

He cited studies showing that a small proportion of Catholic high school seniors go on to college, that fewer Catholics who graduate from college become proprietors, managers and professionals and that a smaller proportion of Catholics are found at higher income levels.

Dr. Kane said it seemed that Catholics were more likely to become prominent in the fields of religion, law and education than in other areas.

He said a representative sample of Catholics listed in the current Who's Who in America showed that 29 per cent were priests or members of religious orders, 19.6 per cent were lawyers and 9 per cent educators.

Beyond these fields, the Notre Dame sociologist said, Catholics were most likely to obtain recognition as business executives, writers, physicians and bankers.

HE REPORTED a "rather startling" death of Catholics, prominent in many other fields, particularly the natural and social sciences.

This raises the question, Dr. Kane said, whether educated Catholics "today still utilize only a few special occupations and avoid others."

He suggested that in some fields Catholics might be subtly discriminated against, but added: "While such discrimination certainly is being ruled out, there is perhaps a more widespread reason. There may be some kind of lower middle class stratification among them in education and occupation, which tends to anchor Catholics in the lower socio-economic groups and which limits those who do achieve higher education to certain fields which appear to offer more security albeit less prestige and income."

It may also be that leadership even outside the purely religious field, is still considered a clerical prerogative, and the same seems equally true of scholarship," Dr. Kane said.

Buddhist Monastery On Martyrs' Site

Tokyo — (NC) — Several hundred Catholic men took part here in a pilgrimage to a local Buddhist monastery—but it was to honor the memory of 30 beheaded martyrs who were buried at the site at the time in 1622.

The martyrdom took place on an execution ground which at that time was outside the city but is now near one of the principal railroad stations. At the city expanded, the execution ground was moved out to the country and a Buddhist monastery transferred to the old execution ground.

Tokyo Catholics would like to buy the site as a pilgrimage center, but that is impossible. Hence an annual pilgrimage takes place to the Buddhist monastery, the chief monk of which is very friendly.

Christ's Birthplace — Bethlehem, Pa. — (NC) — Five bishops, including Archbishop Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla., were present at the solemn Christmas ceremonies here in Christ's birth place.



SHEETS AND CASES

REGULAR SHEETS	REG.	SALE
63 x 108	3.19	2.39
72 x 108	3.39	2.59
81 x 108	3.69	2.79
90 x 108	3.98	2.99
42 x 38 1/2	79c	64c
45 x 38 1/2	89c	74c
38 x 36 for foam-rubber pillows	74c	58c

PITTED SHEETS:
Have exclusive Cannon Eye-Matic centers that fit rounded or square mattress... corner of mattress doesn't even have to be lifted!

BOTTOM, twin	3.39	2.59
TOP, twin	3.49	2.69
BOTTOM, full	3.69	2.79
TOP, full	3.79	2.89
TWIN for foam-rubber	3.39	2.59
FULL for foam-rubber	3.69	2.79

EXTRA-LONG SHEETS:

72 x 120"	3.69	2.89
81 x 120"	3.98	3.19

CANNON COMBED PERCALES
of Sturdy Long-Cotton Staples

REGULAR SHEETS	REG.	SALE
54 x 90"	1.98	1.39
63 x 90"	2.18	1.59
72 x 90"	2.38	1.79
81 x 90"	2.58	1.99
90 x 90"	2.78	2.19
42 x 38 1/2	79c	64c
45 x 38 1/2	89c	74c
38 x 36 for foam-rubber pillows	74c	58c

CANNON BLEACHED MUSLINS
... fine-grain, silky smooth

REGULAR SHEETS	REG.	SALE
54 x 90"	1.98	1.39
63 x 90"	2.18	1.59
72 x 90"	2.38	1.79
81 x 90"	2.58	1.99
90 x 90"	2.78	2.19
42 x 38 1/2	79c	64c
45 x 38 1/2	89c	74c
38 x 36 for foam-rubber pillows	74c	58c

PITTED SHEETS:
With exclusive Cannon Eye-Matic centers!

BOTTOM, twin	2.39	2.09
TOP, twin	2.39	2.19
BOTTOM, full	2.59	2.29
TOP, full	2.59	2.39

WAMSUTTA SUPERCALIS
... over 200-point heavy weight!

72 x 108	5.95	4.95
81 x 108	6.85	5.85
90 x 108	7.45	6.45
42 x 38 1/2	1.60	1.30
45 x 38 1/2	1.65	1.35

PITTED SHEETS, PLAIN WEAVE:

BOTTOM, twin	5.95	4.95
TOP, twin	6.95	5.95
BOTTOM, full	6.95	5.95
TOP, full	8.25	7.25

REGULAR SHEETS, HEMSTITCHED:

72 x 108"	6.35	5.35
81 x 108"	7.25	6.25
90 x 108"	7.85	6.85
42 x 38 1/2	1.85	1.55
45 x 38 1/2	1.90	1.60

FANCY LINENS

MONITOR COTTON LACE BOILERS AND SCARVES	REG.	SALE
4" round	29c	16c
9" round	39c	24c
12" round	67c	33c
16" round	98c	67c
6 x 12" oval	69c	33c
10 x 14" oval	89c	43c
12 x 18" oval	98c	67c
15 x 24" scarf	1.39	87c
15 x 34" scarf	1.69	1.27
15 x 50" scarf	2.69	1.88
15 x 61" scarf	2.98	1.98
3-pc. chair set	1.98	1.68

QUILTER PLASTIC
TABLE PAPER INSULATED WITH PHEROLAS
... fit like your tablecloths, protect table tops from hot dishes, spillage, liquids and food... can be wiped clean with a damp cloth!

52 x 52"	2.99	2.38
52 x 70"	4.44	3.44
52 x 90"	5.44	4.44

IRISH LINEN AND LACE SCARVES AND BOILERS
IMPORTED FROM IRELAND

16 x 24" scarf	1.59	\$1
16 x 34" scarf	1.79	\$1
16 x 43" scarf	1.98	\$1
16 x 52" scarf	2.98	\$2
3-pc. vanity set	1.98	\$1

REGULON LINEN DAMASK CLOTHS
THE FINEST IMPORTED FROM IRELAND!

44 x 84"	9.98	7.98
44 x 102"	12.98	9.98
44 x 120"	15.98	12.98
52 x 22" napkins	1.00	80c

WATER LACE TABLE CLOTHS
PARTY TIME EVER AT THESE LOW PRICES!

72x96" regularly 9.95	7.90	
54 x 72"	7.95	5.99
63 x 81"	8.95	6.99
72 x 108"	11.95	8.99

Don't miss this valuable First quality Quaker Lace cloths, with patterns copied from French Alencon lace... made up of edge-to-edge weaving with intricate designs of mesh, nets and bridges. As delicate as they are, they need no special care... can be hand or machine-laundered... do not show spots or wrinkles easily!

IMPORTED BELGIAN LINEN CLOTHS AND NAPKINS

54x72" reg. 3.98	2.99
54x72" reg. 4.98	3.99

7 x 17" napkins, reg. 50c 4 for \$1
Choose tablecloths in yellow with brocade with grey or hunter with lime... napkins in solid yellow, grey or lime. Quantities limited!

IMPORTED BELGIAN LINEN CLOTHS AND NAPKINS - 3 COLORS
60x70", reg. 5.98 4.77
52x52", reg. 3.98 2.77
52x70", reg. 4.98 3.77
60x80", reg. 4.98 3.77
17x17" napkins, reg. 50c 4 for \$1

Buy two or three for the smartest dinner or everyday tablecloths you could use! Choose hunter green, brown, gold, pink, grey, chartreuse, olive, ivory or white.

FIELDCREST COTTON DAMASK CHECKED
TABLECLOTHS AND NAPKINS

70x96", reg. 7.98	3.99
54x72", reg. 4.98	3.77
70x108", reg. 9.98	4.99
72x72", reg. 1.98	1.48
17x17" napkins, reg. 50c	2.00

Use old-fashioned checked cloths for a modern decoration touch! These Fielcrest damask linens come in red with white, green with white or brown with white.

IMPORTED RAYON AND COTTON BLENDED SHEETS - 3 COLORS
66x96" with 12 napkins, reg. 12.98 7.99
66x106" with 12 napkins, reg. 14.98 10.99

Delicate-looking but heavy cotton and rayon damask is an even better buy in Sibby's January Sale! Choose eggplant, green, gold, blue, peach or white.

SIBLEY, LINDSAY & CURR CO. . . . OPEN EVERY TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHT TILL 9