

Refugees Flee Tito 'Workers Paradise'

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Trieste—(NC)—A total of 59,186 people have fled into Opicina, a town in the hills above Trieste, and the number is increasing daily.

They are sardine factory workers, pea farmers, other workers, as well as their priests—all fleeing communist terror in Yugoslavia.

Most of them have Italian citizenship and lived in Venezia Giulia, now a part of Trieste's Zone B, administered by Yugoslavia.

THERE IS NO work for these people in Opicina. Their chances of emigrating are slim. Their financial help from the overburdened Italian government, apart from two meals a day and, when possible, lodgings, amount to less than \$2 a month. Yet the refugees in the Opicina camps can consider themselves fortunate when they compare their lot with the 412 families living in abandoned silos.

ADRIANO VASCOTTO, who worked at a sardine factory at Capo d'Istria, answered this question by saying that Italians who cooperate with the communist regime of Tito fare better than any of his Slav neighbors.

Massimo Zarroli, who fled with his six children, said he was beaten up as a reactionary because he had a plaque of the Sacred Heart outside of his house. Life was impossible, he added, in Tito's "worker's paradise." Zarroli's crop of peas amounting to a ton and a half was confiscated outright by the Yugoslav officials, and his grapes were so heavily taxed that he had to sell his wine at a loss.

Reds Seize Packages Sent Cardinal Stepinac

Vienna—(NC)—Gift packages addressed to His Eminence Aloysius Cardinal Stepinac at his residence in Krasic, Croatia, are not delivered to him by the Yugoslav authorities according to reliable reports received here.

Only parcels sent to friends of the Cardinal, who then see to it that they are delivered safely, are likely to reach him, it was pointed out.

Sentenced to 16 years in prison by Tito in 1946 for alleged "war crimes," Cardinal Stepinac was released in December, 1951 and is now confined by the regime to his native village of Krasic.

The economic conditions of many Yugoslav monasteries and convents are alarmingly bad, the reports state. Many monks and nuns have barely enough food to survive. Many are ill from undernourishment.

A "tax" of 800 dinars, in addition to the customs duty, is collected by the communists for every gift parcel addressed to the Cardinal. Most of the monasteries cannot afford even this tax which amounts to 50c in U.S. currency.



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200,000 Indians Hear Father Peyton



BOMBAY—Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. of Albany, N.Y. (center, in black), and Valerian Cardinal Gracias, Archbishop of Bombay, march in a huge procession to an outdoor altar for the American priest's closing rally of his Family Rosary Crusade in India. The rally drew an estimated 200,000 persons, the largest through Father Peyton has addressed anywhere in the world. The priest's appearance here was the major wind-up of a three-month crusade in the Far East during which he spoke at rallies in India and in Burma, Ceylon, Malaya and Pakistan. Cardinal Gracias, in introducing Father Peyton at the Bombay rally, said the American priest had "conquered the hearts of millions in India." (RNS Photo)

Willie, Polish Tar, Helps Lebanese Seminarian Willie

New Orleans—(NC)—A story about a couple of Willies designed not to give you "the willies" is being told by Father Thomas A. McDonough, C.S.S.R., director of the Catholic Maritime Club here.

Principals in the cast are Willie, a Pole and a seaman, and Willie, a Lebanese and a seminarian. As Father McDonough tells it, it goes like this:

WILLIE, THE POLE, escaped from his Redruled homeland and made his way to Africa. Eventually he became a seaman on an American operated ship. His family name is one of those long, difficult to pronounce affairs, so he became known merely as Willie, the electrician.

Willie, the Pole's, ship put into port at New Orleans and on a visit to St. Louis Cathedral here, he picked up a paper. Later, at sea again, like other seamen, he read every line of the paper and among the things he read was a story about the other Willie, a seminarian in Beirut, Lebanon.

The story about Willie the seminarian, said he was in dire need of \$100 for this year's tuition and he also owed \$200 for two previous years' tuition.

'In God We Trust'

Washington—(NC)—The motto "In God We Trust" would be put on all U.S. currency, including paper money, under a bill introduced in Congress by Representative Herman P. Eberhart of Pennsylvania. It was referred to the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

At present the motto appears on U.S. coins. It was first used in 1964, when it was placed on a two-cent piece. It is presently stamped on pennies, dimes, Jefferson nickels, quarters, and half-dollar pieces.

Venezuela Opens Vocation Crusade

Caracas, Venezuela—(NC)—A crusade to foster priestly vocations was planned here at a meeting of the rectors of ten seminaries operating in Venezuela. At present there are only about 1,000 priests serving the needs of the nation's 5,000,000 Catholics. Some 15 priests a year are being ordained at present.

Filipino Court Bans Attacks On Church

Manila—(NC)—The guarantee of religious freedom under the Philippine constitution does not allow individual speakers at religious rallies to mock, insult, or ridicule Christ and His Church.

This appears from a recent decision of the Court of Appeals here which a Baptist minister was exonerated for breaking in and causing a disturbance at an Iglesia ni Cristo (Church of Christ) rally in Baguio City.

AT THIS rally, the Iglesia ni Cristo speaker was mocking and ridiculing Christ and the Catholic Church when the Baptist minister intervened. Charges of disturbing a religious ceremony were filed against the minister.

In handing down his decision the Court of Appeals pointed out that if anyone was to blame for disturbances at the meeting, it was the Iglesia ni Cristo speaker, whose mocking and insulting remarks about Jesus Christ aroused the ire and indignation of the audience.

RELIGIOUS RALLIES, moreover, do not enjoy freedom of religion as guaranteed by the constitution. It is during such rallies there is no reverence for the religious feelings of others.

These rallies, such as the one in question, could not be considered religious ceremonies if they were held in places not devoted to worship.

The Iglesia ni Cristo is a native sect founded in 1914 by a falleraway Catholic, Felix Manalo.

Nephew Of Fatima Visionary Ordained

Lisbon, Portugal—(NC)—Tome Pereira, nephew of Sister Lucy dos Santos, one of those persons to whom the Blessed Virgin appeared in 1917, has been ordained a Salesian priest in Spain, it was learned here.

Tome Pereira is the son of Maria dos Anjos, Lucia's sister, who still lives in the cottage at Aljustrel from where the child set out with her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta, to guard the sheep and saw the apparitions.

'Toast Of Town' Invites Famed 'Singing Priest'

London—(NC)—A quiet, hard-working priest in the lonely Scottish Highlands has received one of the strangest requests he could possibly expect, it was reported here.

Father Sydney MacEwan, of Lochgilphead, overlooking the lovely fugged Loch Fyne, has been invited to star in one of America's top television shows.

Mr. Sullivan's "Sunday" night "Toast of the Town"

TO HIS FRIENDS and those who simply know him as Sydney MacEwan, his actual title is a surprise. For he is Scotland's "Ambassador of Song" whose soft tenor voice has been reproduced in the last ten years alone on over a million records.

Long hailed as a second John McCormack, he abandoned a promising singing career years ago to enter a seminary.

It was also reported that Father MacEwan has been invited by the National Arts Foundation of America—who appointed him the first British member of their Music Committee—to make a tour of the States in the autumn. If he does, it will have to be from his work among the crofters and villagers of Argyllshire. That is what happened last year when he made his first successful American tour, giving 12 recitals and four television performances.

As a result his records, first released in the U. S. in January, are reported to have had a big sale.

FATHER MacEwan gives up his month's rest each year for concert engagements—at home and abroad. The money he makes from these and from the increasing sales of his records goes toward rebuilding his church at Lochgilphead and toward the completion of St. Columba's Cathedral at Oban, center of the diocese of Argyll and the Isles.

It has been furthermore reported that as the singing priest's fame spreads, the film companies are beginning to take an interest and that Hollywood is considering making a script of his life story.

Father MacEwan now a handsome white-haired priest of 45, began his singing career accidentally at the age of ten when he was required to take part in a local contest. He won easily and



FATHER MacEwan

ran all the way home to tell his father. He began to sing at private parties, concerts, in the church choir. He studied at Glasgow University but Sir Compton Mackenzie, the Catholic author, and the great John McCormack himself both encouraged him to accept a scholarship at the Royal Academy of Music in London.

Before he was 20 Sydney MacEwan was famous. He made a highly successful tour of Australia and New Zealand. Then suddenly he entered a seminary in Rome in 1938 and six years later was ordained a priest.

Pope To Attend Easter Concert

Vatican City—(NC)—Pope Pius XII will attend a symphonic concert in the Vatican on the Wednesday after Easter, if present plans hold, it was reliably learned here.

Members of the College of Cardinals and other high-ranking prelates also will attend the concert, which is scheduled for the Sala Regia in the Vatican Palace.

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