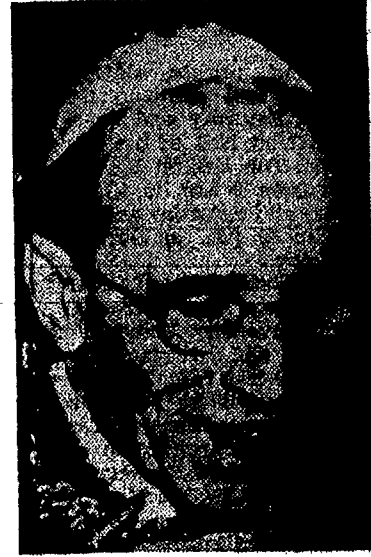


Shepherds Surge Past Guards At Papal Audience

Castelgandolfo, Italy.—(NC)—The halls and rooms of the Papal Palace here rang with the screeching of bagpipes and horns as shepherds from throughout Italy visited the Holy Father in one of the most unusual audiences of the year.

The Hall of the Swiss was packed tightly with more than 800



POPE PIUS XII Greets Shepherds

shepherds, representatives of 35,000 families which are members of the Pious Union of Shepherds. Most of them were of the type called by the Italians "contadini"—the country people—simple folk, small, strong and dark-complexioned.

AT THE TIME appointed for the audience, a door at one end of the hall opened and His Holiness Pope Pius XII walked the dozen steps to the throne. At the sight of the white clad figure voices shouted and hands clapped. Over the crowd waved banners telling the home region of the delegates—Pistoia, La Spezia, Firenze, Pisa. When the Holy Father was seated the shouting

changed to a shushing sound as every man wished his neighbor to hear the Pope speak.

Remaining seated a strong, clear voice, leaning forward a little and constantly gesturing with his long slender hands. He spoke to the shepherds in simple terms of their life so close to nature and nature's Creator. He compared his position as the Shepherd of souls with their concern over the care of their sheep.

AT THE END of the discourse several groups performed for the Holy Father. Young men in sheepskin jackets and woolly hats sang peasant songs with strong, deep voices. Young girls in peasant dresses of homemade laces and ribbons sang shepherd hymns in four-part harmony. Several times the bagpipes began to play only to be stilled quiet again. As their third attempt was being stopped, the Holy Father smiled broadly and beckoned them to continue.

When the performances were over the Pope stood and gave his customary blessing to those present and seated himself again to receive several dignitaries and representatives of the shepherds.

Then the unexpected happened. The crowd surged past the Swiss guards and palace attendants and moved to the foot of the throne, at first cautiously and then more boldly as the Holy Father beckoned them on. In a moment the throne was surrounded by people. The Holy Father took the hands of some, spoke to others, received the gifts offered to him.

DA Scores Lurid News In Papers

San Francisco.—(NC)—At the Communion breakfast of the Association of Catholic Newsmen here, a district attorney's view of crime reporting became a blunt warning that the press is "contributing substantially to both the volume and kinds of crime."

ALAMEDA COUNTY District Attorney J. Frank Coakley, blamed part of the nation's rising crime rate on "entirely too much emphasis in the daily press on crime."

Noting that FBI statistics show the U.S. crime situation as the "worst in the world" with the average age of serious offenders now down in the 17-22 bracket, he declared:

"CHILDREN'S MINDS are conditioned by what they see, hear and read. Today, as newspapers devote more and more column inches to crime, sex, divorce and infidelity, they are bound to have an effect on young minds."

Mr. Coakley included magazines in his criticism of press handling of crime, deploring the luxury of crime, sex and horror on newstands. Comics, radio and TV do their share also, he said especially by "belittling law enforcement officials."

Student Marriage Courses Seen Needed

Buffalo, N.Y.—(NC)—The need for instruction in Catholic high schools to prepare young people for marriage was stressed here during the annual Diocesan Teachers Institute of Western New York.

The need for instruction in family life is a problem that we have to face head on," Msgr. Sylvester J. Holbel, Buffalo diocesan school superintendent, told the high school teachers. "Today, 20 per cent of our girls marry within a year of high school graduation and 50 per cent marry within three or four years."

Father Rigney

Torture By Reds Drove Him To Brink Of Madness

Chicago.—(NC)—It was only "by strenuous efforts and prayer" that Father Harold W. Rigney was able to "keep from going stark mad as others did" in his Red Chinese prison cell, the Divine Word missionary told his family.

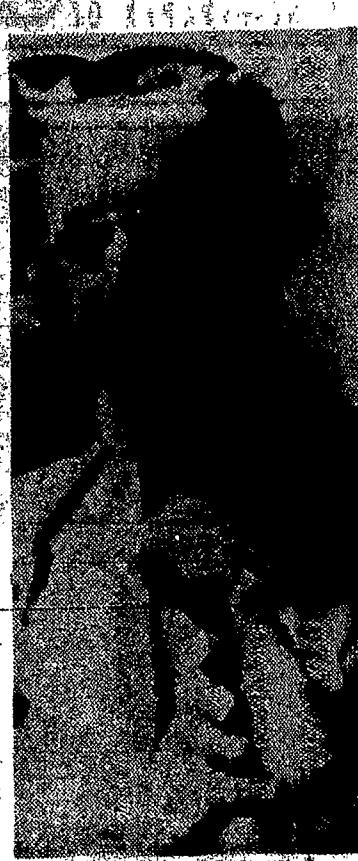
In a letter to his relatives here from Hong Kong, Father Rigney said:

"My imprisonment was a veritable hell of mental and physical tortures at the hands of demons, of creatures that are not human.

"But it is all over now and I am trying to forget it, but I never will be able to do it, I guess. In my first 50 days of imprisonment in 1951, I was allowed only two nights' sleep. I was getting delirious, seeing animals all around the wretched rat-infested cell and the court room. In this condition I was condemned to death and, in chains that cut deep into my flesh, I walked out to the execution grounds, to be shot.

"Another time, under torture, I confessed, falsely, that I was an F.B.I. (agent) and it took two years of unspeakable anguish and torture to free me of this. Once in court I was so exhausted I could not keep awake and confessed I had led a plot to murder [Chinese communist chieftain] Mao Tse-tung. For this the judge said I would be shot, but not right away. For three years I did not know, day for day, whether or not I would be taken out and shot.

"In January 1954, I began to lose my mind and it was only by strenuous efforts and prayer that I could hold myself from the tortures of the cell mates and the cruel communist brutes, and keep from going stark mad as others did."



FATHER RIGNEY Trying to forget

3 More Anglican Clergymen Join Catholic Church

London, England.—(NC)—Three more (Anglican Church of England) clergymen have embraced the Catholic Faith.

Their conversions came only a month after the Rev. Walton Hannah, secretary of the Annunciation Group, made up of "Palladium" Anglican clergymen, had submitted to the Holy See.

THE NEW converts are the Revs. Hugh Ross, Williamson, Lionel Meade, and Frederick Woodward.

Mr. Williamson, 42, was a prominent member of the Annunciation Group, which embraces about 2,000 of the country's most active pro-Catholic clergy in this country. Members of the organization strongly opposed the official decision of the Church of England last July in favor of limited inter-communion with the Church of South India.

to which Methodists, Presbyterians and Congregationalists as well as Anglicans belong.

Mr. Williamson was received into the Catholic fold at the Jesuit Church of the Immaculate Conception in Farm Street by Father Basil Fitzgibbons, S.J.

HE HAD BEEN a clergyman for 12 years, and is also a noted author and playwright. In the pre-war period, he was a Labor Party candidate for parliament.

The new conversions have increased to seven the number of Anglican clergymen who have joined the Church of Rome in recent weeks. Mr. Hannah is now studying for the Catholic priesthood at the Beda College in Rome.

Hypnotism For Amusement Sinful, Newspaper Warns

Boston.—(NC)—"It is entirely wrong to use hypnotism for purposes of entertainment," Catholics in this archdiocese have been warned.

In answer to questions from readers regarding a recent television program "Truth or Consequences" which featured a hypnotized girl attempting to break out of the hypnotis for a \$100,000 prize, The Pilot, archdiocese newspaper, in a front-page article stated:

"HYPNOTIC performances which have no other value than to provide amusement are seriously sinful, both for the hypnotizer and for his subject, who freely consents to the procedure. Attendance at hypnotic performances, whether directly or through radio or television broadcast, represents cooperation in the wrongdoing of others. Unless there is some serious justifying reason, such cooperation will be at least venially sinful."

THE ARTICLE, which appeared in the paper's regular "Theology For Everyman" column, said that hypnotism can be justified sometimes, if it is used for the cure of psychological

disorders, or in a serious scientific experiment, or for similar grave reasons.

"In any such case . . . every precaution should be taken to guard against its evil effects, and no one should be hypnotized against his will," the article said.

Pastor Advocates Reading Of 'Obits'

Cleveland, O.—(NC)—Father

Clarence A. Liederbach, pastor of St. Adalbert Church here, in his weekly parish Bulletin, advocated the daily reading of the obituaries column as a means of fulfilling one of the spiritual works of mercy—praying for the dead.

Father Liederbach reminded his congregation not to overlook those whose names appear in the column, who are outside the fold of the Catholic Church.

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FATHER KENNEDY AND OUR REFUGEES. We shall be praying to St. Jude, whose feast is on October 28th, to do the night well impossible—all our purse with these pre-Christmas stringless gifts for our refugees, orphans and poor of the Holy Land—innocent victims of the Arab-Israeli war. Just \$10 will purchase a food package. We shall send you a special Holy Land Souvenir. And your Dollar a Month Club is God's Christmas Club for our neediest cases.

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Sea Captain, Hero In Korean War, Now Brother In Benedictine Monastery

Newton, N.J.—(RNS)—Capt. Leonard P. LaRue, who in 1950 saved thousands of South Korean refugees from the beaches of Hungnam just before Chinese Communists overran the port, is now Brother Marlinus of the missionary Order of St. Benedict at St. Paul's Abbey here.

The 41-year-old former shipmaster confirmed a disclosure by the Moore-McCormack steamship line, whose freighter Meredith Victory he commanded and died in the rescue operation, that he had laid aside sextant and charts last Thanksgiving Day to don the robes of a Benedictine.

HE SAID that a long-dormant call to a religious vocation had first begun to crystallize while he was convalescing, a few weeks after the Hungnam incident, from a kidney operation in a Tokyo hospital.

But it took "a few more years" of reflection, he added, before he finally decided that any courses he plotted in the future would be spiritual ones dedicated to the Benedictines' motto of "Prayer and Work."

The feat Capt. La Rue performed just before Christmas.

Buffalo Honors Blessed Mother

Buffalo, N. Y.—(NC)—More than 45,000 Catholics filled this city's Municipal Stadium on the Feast of the Maternity of the Blessed Virgin. The gathering was described as the greatest public demonstration of devotion to Mary in Buffalo's history.



CAPT. LEONARD LARUE Now Brother Marlinus

As the Meredith Victory, with its crew of 35, entered the port of Hungnam on the evening of Dec. 22 to find it burning and battered. All military personnel already had been evacuated, but it was jammed with thousands of panic-stricken civilians who had fled before the Chinese thrust from the Yalu River.

The Communists had vowed to behold all Koreans they could find when they entered the city.

Capt. LaRue was told by American naval officers that he might evacuate a shipload of the refu-

gers if he wished but that he would have to do it in a few hours because the Navy was forced to withdraw in that time. Bringing his ship in close, he ordered his crew to let the pleading Koreans aboard. Women, children and old men staggering under bundles poured onto the boat.

A ship's officer said later he stopped counting at 10,000, but authorities afterward put the number he saved at 14,000.

FIVE OF THE refugees were delivered of infants by crew members within 24 hours after they had boarded the ship.

The 7,600-ton freighter safely landed its human cargo at Pusan on Dec. 28.

A native of Philadelphia, Brother Marlinus was trained at the Pennsylvania State Schoolship and served with several other lines as a merchant marine officer before joining Moore-McCormack in 1942. He was first command of the Meredith Victory early in 1950.

Titoites Confiscate Croatia Seminary

Trieste, Italy.—(NC)—Yugoslav authorities have confiscated the Catholic seminary at Rijeka (Fiume), according to reports reaching here of continued Red harassment of the Church.

Their action has left the entire province of Croatia, the predominantly Catholic part of Yugoslavia, with only one diocesan seminary, that in Zagreb, the provincial capital.

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