

Plan Urges Unused Anglican Churches Be Given Catholics

London—(NC)—A suggestion has been made by an Anglican layman that some unused churches of the Church of England be given to Catholics for their use.

Ivor Bulmer Thomas, chairman of the executive committee of the Historic Churches' Preservation Fund, made this proposal at a conference here dealing with the problem of unused churches.

REFERRING TO THE proposal that some unused churches be torn down, he said: "If the Church of England cannot use a church and the Roman Catholics can, loyal Anglicans as I am, I would rather see it transferred than see it demolished."

Many Anglican churches are of Catholic origin, masterpieces of architecture and craftsmanship during the Reformation. Others are more recent buildings erected on old Catholic sites.

Shifting populations, shrinking endowments, the drop in the number of Anglican clerics and the slump in Protestant worship generally have resulted in the abandonment of some churches, especially in the now commercialized centers of the big cities.

N. C. Catholic Hospitals Provide Kosher Food

New York—(NC)—Jewish patients at two Catholic hospitals in the Archdiocese of New York can undergo medical treatment without violating orthodox Jewish dietary laws.

OUT OF RESPECT for the patients' religious convictions, St. Vincent's Hospital and St. Clare's Hospital here serve specially prepared kosher food upon request.

Kitchens at both hospitals can offer kosher beef dinners and kosher chicken dinners prepared according to the Rabbinical tradition. Pre-cooked and frozen, the meals are ordered from a kosher food concern here and stored in the hospital refrigerators. Orthodox restrictions on diet and utensils are observed by the patients which prepares the food in sealed aluminum foil plates. The patient breaks the seal.

PUBLIC REACTION to the innovation has been favorable, according to Sister Xavier Miriam, chief of nutrition at St. Vincent's. In a letter to Sister Loreto Bernard, administrator of St. Vincent's, the board of trustees of the Greenwich Village Synagogue commended the practice "very commendable."

St. Vincent's Hospital is administered by Sisters of Charity, St. Clare's Hospital is under the direction of the Anglican Sisters of Allegany.



TV Showed Him The Way

Dallas, Texas—(NC)—An 80-year-old recent convert and invalid, Mr. Read W. Tarplay, is pictured with the instruments through which the Faith was brought to him: the TV set, which carried Bishop Fulton J. Sheen's recent series, and Father Carl Vogel of St. Cecilia Parish, Dallas, Tex., who gave him private instructions in his home. Born in Dadeville, Alabama in 1876, Mr. Tarplay had until recently only known two Catholics in his whole life. Both Catholics had impressed him because they attended Mass faithfully.

Church Reported Growing In England

St. Louis—(NC)—Catholics in England have a better grounding in their religion today than they have had for centuries, Sir James Patrick Duffy, British Consul to St. Louis told a Knights of Columbus communion breakfast.

"English converts are made up mainly of people who think their way to Catholicism rather than those who feel their way through," he said. "England's priesthood today has much higher intellectual standards than in previous years, he added.

'Foreign Myth' Seen Block To England Protestants

London—(NC)—Hugh Ross Williamson, a recent convert, said here that if the Church is to expand in England it must fight to overcome the "foreign" myth.

It is not the Catholic Church that is foreign, he said. It is the Church of England, which boasts so much of its national origins, that is actually the "foreign" Church of this country since it was brought in from Germany, Switzerland and Holland at the time of the Reformation. MR. WILLIAMSON, a writer, dramatist and noted radio and television speaker, talked at the annual meeting here of the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom, whose aim is the conversion of the nation.

Abp. Beran 'Not In Jail,' Red Claims

Vienna—(RNS)—Premier Viliam Siroky of Communist Czechoslovakia told a press conference in Prague that Archbishop Josef Beran of Prague is "neither in jail or in custody but only barred from performing his duties."

The report revived speculation in Catholic circles here that the Prague government may be considering revoking its decree of 1951 banishing the prelate from his See because of "his negative attitude" toward church control laws.

"ARCHBISHOP BERAN," Mr. Siroky said, "has never been jailed or in custody since he was ousted from his office on March 10, 1951."

"He was removed because the State has the right to demand that all citizens, including priests, obey the law. It is our right to protect the State against all infringement of the law."

His statement came after Catholic leaders in various countries had marked the fifth anniversary of Archbishop Beran's banishment by demanding that he be restored to full freedom.

AMONG THEM was Cardinal Ottaviani, Pro-Secretary of the Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office, who stressed that the Czechoslovak government has tried to keep the archbishop's whereabouts a mystery ever since it ordered him out of Prague.

Acting in his capacity as professor of the Bohemian College in Rome, Cardinal Ottaviani addressed a message to the Catholics of Czechoslovakia in which he asked:

"Has ever any people treated a prisoner, even if guilty of the most horrible crimes, in such a way that no one knows what has become of him?"

Moslem Rebels Slay French Missioner

Algiers, Algeria—(NC)—Father Nicholas, a missionary from Rouen, France, was killed by Moslem rebels near Palestro, 50 miles from here.

About 15 other people were killed with Father Nicholas when the Moslems set up an ambush along the side of the road.

The killings were believed to be a part of the campaign waged by Moslem nationalists to gain independence from France.

U. S. Forces Aided Churches In Korea

Seoul, Korea—(NC)—U. S. Armed Forces Aid to Korea (AFAK) has helped to build 227 churches and 863 schools since the plan was launched in November, 1953. The churches

contribute materials, such as lumber and cement, from their stocks for approved projects. U. S. armed forces engineers and doctors gave technical aid, while U. S. equipment, including bulldozers, did some of the work.

The local Korean community furnished the labor and also whatever materials the military unit might not have on hand.

"WHERE AFAK sponsored a project, you received supplies that cut your costs by at least one-third," according to Columbian Father Hubert Hayward, who built a dispensary with AFAK help.

Since AFAK went into operation, American servicemen have made voluntary donations amounting to \$2,300,000 for civilian projects in Korea, according to General Binns. This includes only the donations entered on official records.

Sedatives In Obstetrics Called Enemy To Mother

Milwaukee—(NC)—Sedatives and anesthesia in modern obstetrics are the greatest enemy of normal women and babies, a doctor told a session of the Catholic Hospital Association convention here.

Dr. Herbert Ratner, Oak Park, Ill., Commissioner of Health and a faculty member of the Stritch School of Medicine, Loyola University, Chicago, said that through the years techniques that have been developed for abnormal delivery of babies have been imposed upon normal situations.

THE ASSUMPTION—beyond this, he said, is that what is good for the abnormal woman is good for the normal patient.

The most important thing is that we re-discover the norms for normal delivery, which we must re-discover from nature itself, authored by God," he declared.

He maintained that some hospitals have been insensitive to the price frequently paid in the form of a reduction of optional, where a model "socialist" street health in babies because of sedatives.

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German Reds Block Church Constructions

Berlin—(NC)—East German rulers have refused to grant building permits for two new Catholic churches, one in nearby Ludwigstede and one in Baruth.

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