

Secret Bishops Take Over Posts In Red Poland

Warsaw — (NC) — Three Polish bishops were consecrated secretly during the Stalinist persecution of the Church in this country and did not appear publicly as bishops until after last October's blood-soaked revolution.

The secret consecration was dramatically revealed at the funeral of Archbishop Wladyslaw Tyszkiewicz in Poznan last October.

These prelates in full bishop's vestments, wearing pointed mitres, were seen in the hierarchy at the funeral for the Archbishop.

The head Archbishop had consecrated them privately more than a year earlier. Before his death on October 23—only a few days after the Communists had been ousted from control of the Polish United Workers' (Communist) party—he had asked that they appear openly at his funeral as bishops.

The three prelates are Bishops Tadeusz Bolestaw Kominek and Edmund Noywicki.

ALONG WITH two other bishops then serving as auxiliaries in Poland, the three had been named by the Holy See in 1951 as bishops and administrators of dioceses in the former German territories held by Poland since the end of World War II. Their appointments, vetoed by the Polish communist government, were not made public and they were not consecrated at that time.

The other two prelates, named as administrators are Bishops Stanislaw Jop and Tomasz Wilkoski. Bishop Jop was formerly Auxiliary Bishop of Sandomej and Bishop Wilkoski was Auxiliary Bishop of Lublin.

THE FACTS about their appointments have become known since the new anti-Stalinist ban on religious freedom to the Church. The Warsaw chancellor of Cardinal Wyszynski, Primate of Poland, announced late in November that the five bishops had been named to administer sees in former German-held territory. See by Christmas all five were at their posts, exercising their functions openly and without government interference.

Contrary to widespread mis-



Nuns To Start Bahamas College

Miami — (NC) — Opening the first Catholic college in the Bahamas Islands is the task awaiting these Sisters of St. Dominic, headed by Mother Mary Gerald Barry, O. F. M., Mother Superior of the order and founder of the new Aquinas College for Women, pictured leaving Miami airport here for Nassau, from left, Mother Mary Gerald, Sisters Jean Patricia, Ann Carmel, Jean Kevin, Mary Aidan and Marie Peters.

World Thinks She's Bookkeeper

Indianapolis, Ind. — (NC) — Catherine S. is a bookkeeper for a large manufacturing firm not far from this city.

Thirty-five years old, Miss S. has been with the company for 12 years and is a capable and respected employee. She dresses neatly, likes music and occasionally attends a movie or stage play. She lives alone in a modestly furnished apartment.

What, you ask, makes her newsworthy?

Simply this: For the past three years, Catherine S. has been a professed Religious—a nun. She is a member of the Daughters of the Heart of Mary, an unusual religious society founded 184 years ago.

Though Catherine does not wear religious garb of live in a convent, she is a Religious in the true sense of the term—taking vows of poverty, chastity and obedience.

Catherine had always wanted to be a nun, but an invalid mother needed care. Seven years ago she learned of the Daughters, and the opportunity they afforded for following a religious vocation if one is unable to enter a convent.

After six months as an aspirant, a year as a postulant and two years as a novice, she became a professed nun. All the while she kept her job and supported her mother whom she had to place in a nursing home about two years after she took her vows.

NO ONE EXCEPT her religious superiors and her confessor know she is a nun. During her training she received periodic instruction from a religious superior.

Some day, perhaps, when her present responsibilities toward her mother are lifted, she may wish to enter one of the houses of the society and carry on the more active apostolate.

Members of the Society who live a community life are known as "interns" while those who live in the world are called "externs." Even the interns in this distinctive society do not wear a religious habit.

The interns engage in a variety of apostolic activities such as staffing schools. The externs function to give a greater penetration of the religious life into general society.

IN THE RANKS of the "hidden" religious are many prominent women. Some years ago,

'Hidden Nun' Works In Business Career

an extern won a national award without her identity as a religious even being remotely suspected.

Externs have been a part of the Daughters ever since their founding in France during the Reign of Terror. They formed, as it were, a "fifth column" for God at a time when members of religious orders were being persecuted. They could carry on their work for Christ without fear of detection.

In its 166 years of existence, the Daughters have spread throughout the world. Member-

Vice President Lauds Bishops' Relief Agency

Washington — (NC) — A small group of people waiting in the snow at a bus stop got a warm feeling when a man riding in a black limousine stuck his head out of the window and called: "I'm going to the Capitol. Anybody want a ride?"

There were five takers of the offer which came from none less than Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

ONE OF THE FIVE turned out to be Mary Alice Mraz, 25, editorial secretary of the Catholic Standard, Washington archdiocese newspaper. Miss Mraz and the Vice President turned to a discussion of the Hungarian refugee situation.

Miss Mraz told the Vice President about what she knew of the vast amount of aid being extended to the Hungarian refugees by Catholic Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference. Her knowledge, she acknowledged, came from reading N.C.W.C. News Service dispatches published in the Catholic Standard.

BUT WHAT SHE told Mr. Nixon, Miss Mraz related, seemed "old hat" to him. He visited the centers of Hungarian refugees in Austria at Christmas time and knew first hand what was being done to aid the freedom fighters.

Miss Mraz said that the Vice President said he was fully aware that world-wide relief agency of the U. S. Bishops, is carrying on at least two-thirds of the work in aiding the Hungarian refugees.

She said that the work CRS—NCWC is doing, is nothing short of terrific, "Miss Mraz added.

Publisher Calls Film 'Garbage'

Manchester, N. H. — (NC) — Religious leaders and local theater owners have been praised highly for their part in banning the showing of the film, "Baby Doll," at Manchester theaters.

The Manchester Union-Leader, New Hampshire's leading daily newspaper, in a front-page editorial written by William Loeb, publisher, said:

"It is to be hoped that all the theaters in New Hampshire will abstain from this vicious movie. We trust if any attempt is made to show 'Baby Doll' that aroused citizens in their respective communities will protest to the theater owners and see that it is withdrawn.

"Apparently Hollywood is bent on throwing over all decency and restraint and going all out in depicting the worst aspects of life.

"The only way that Hollywood can be taught that this is not right for the American people and that it is not what American people want, is for communities from coast to coast to rise up and throw this garbage back at Hollywood.

"The financial losses resulting from lack of patronage by outraged citizens will teach Hollywood a much needed lesson.

French Reds Lose Paris Election Bid

Paris — (NC) — French Communists suffered a great loss in the latest by-election for a seat in the National Assembly held here.

According to figures released here, the communist vote in six of Paris' 20 districts dropped by more than a fifth from the totals cast in the general elections of January, 1956. The results of the elections have a particular interest to Catholics, since the strength of anti-clericals in the National Assembly is now weakened.

FEONTERUNNER in the balloting was right-wing Republican Julien Tardieu. His success was laid to the general displeasure and disillusionment with Soviet Russia's activities in the recent Hungarian crisis.

Though Mr. Tardieu did not win an absolute majority, and there will have to be a run-off election later this month, it is generally felt here that he is assured of a definite victory then, and that the position of the communist in the National Assembly will be weakened thereby.

Mr. Tardieu won 101,000 votes. He was followed by the communist candidate who received 63,000, the candidate of the Moderates who got 42,000 votes and the Socialist Party candidate with 30,000 votes.

Abortion Slaughters Millions In Japan

San Francisco — (NC) — "The Western world is shocked to hear of thousands of freedom fighters being killed by Soviet terror . . . But where does the cry go up for the millions of innocents being slaughtered every year in Japan?"

Legalized abortion, said Japanese Father John Sasaki claimed an estimated 2,330,000 human lives in Japan in 1955 alone.

FATHER SASAKI, Japan's national Catholic director of emigration, stopped off here on his way home after reporting to Pope Pius XII in Rome.

The priest explained that abortion has been legalized and encouraged by the government to curtail the natural increases in population. "Yet," he said, "I have heard some Catholics say: 'That's too bad. But Japan is not Catholic, and we have other interests . . .'"

Japan's economic salvation, he said, lies with emigration and increased trade. Emigration would tap off "excess" population. Increased trade would help industrial Japan feed her millions. He pointed out that 90,000,000 people are confined to an island the size of Montana. With only one-sixth of its land arable, each farmed square mile must feed 4,200 people.

FATHER SASAKI admits not all students of the Japanese population place as much faith in emigration as a solution as he does, but he points out that some is better than none, and that many nations would benefit by opening wider their doors to Japanese farmers to settle in the more "undeveloped" parts. Presently the U.S. admits a trickle of 185 a year. Brazil with its 2,700 quota is the biggest importer of Japanese farmers.

Father Sasaki grants that Japan is still short on Catholic numbers and influence, but a convert from Buddhism himself, he believes that intensified mission effort would be rewarded. He points to the lack of Buddhist instruction as an opening for Catholic missionaries.

British Policy Hits Catholic School Role

Manchester, England — (RNS) — A resolution criticizing the government's credit policy, which reportedly has severely hampered school building, was adopted here at the jubilee meeting of the Catholic Teachers' Federation.

The resolution called for the exemption of school building loans from restrictions imposed by the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

IT ACCUSED the government of refusing to interest itself in the difficulties facing Catholics who have to raise considerable sums to build new schools or remodel existing ones to meet the requirements of the 1944 Education Act.

It said the government had adopted a policy that might result in Catholic children being driven to enroll in state schools.

R. G. O'Brien, secretary of the Catholic Education Council, told the meeting the estimated total cost of bringing old schools up to state-prescribed standards and building new ones is now between \$182,000,000 and \$187,600,000.

"WHEN INTEREST charges are added over a period of from 20 to 30 years," he added, "the actual amount Catholics will have to find totals an estimated \$336,000,000."

The Catholic Teachers' Federation was founded at Manchester in 1907. The group is unusual among professional organizations in that it exists to defend the interests of its members' employers rather than of the members themselves.

Mussolini Office Site Now Chapel

Rome — (NC) — The Venezia Palace where Mussolini had his offices and from which he declared the foundation of the Italian Empire and announced war against the Allied Nations in World War II, has become a chapel of Adoration of the Holy Eucharist for busy downtown Rome.

The chapel was dedicated by His Eminence Clemente Cardinal Micara, Vicar General of Rome, as a place where the busy people of Italy's bustling capital may stop for a visit to the Holy Eucharist, exposed there all day every day.

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