

Novelist, Church Foe, Following Conversion

(NC) — One of Italy's noted novelists, who only recently was baptized a Catholic here after a long illness.

Malaparte, 59, was once the staunchest follower of Benito Mussolini. Two of his novels, "Kaputt" and "La Pelle" (The Skin), in which he attacked the Church, were condemned by the Church.

Shortly after its publication, "La Pelle" was condemned by the Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office and placed on the Index of Forbidden Books.

Ancient Church Linked To Apostle

Travancore, India — (NC) — Technicians working on the Pamunnam irrigation project at Nilackal, near here, have discovered the remains of an ancient church, according to the Times of India.

The rather well-preserved ruins are believed to date from the second half of the first century after Christ. Symbols and objects connected with Christian worship had been found.

It is believed that the discovery may substantiate the claim that St. Thomas the Apostle brought Christianity to India shortly after Christ's ascension.

According to Indian tradition, St. Thomas, the so-called "doubting disciple," built seven churches in southern India. No scientific confirmation of traces of them had ever been found.



Farm Family Boasts Vocations

Something of a record, at least for Glennville, Mo., was set when Father Joseph H. Stenger, CSS.R., was ordaining a Redemptorist priest. He is the seventh child of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph C. Stenger, pictured at center, to embrace religious life. Six daughters in the family of 16 children, are members of the Sisters of St. Mary, stationed at hospitals in Missouri. Also pictured are two aunts and a cousin who are nuns. From left are: Sr. Mary Joanne, St. Louis; Sr. Jovita Marie, St. Louis; Sr. Mary Clement, Jefferson City, Mo.; Mr. Stenger; Sr. Charles Marie, a cousin; Father Stenger; Sr. Wilfred Marie, an aunt; Mrs. Stenger; Sr. Mary Placida, also an aunt; Sr. Ann Miriam, St. Louis; Sr. Mary Agnes, St. Louis, and Sr. Mariella, Kansas City. (NC Photos)

Tax Legislation Affecting Cuneo Family, Nuns Parochial Schools Stymied Launch Hospital

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — Legislation which would exempt private and parochial schools and colleges from approximately \$3,000,000 a year in Federal excise taxes appears to be stymied in the Senate Finance Committee and stands little chance of enactment until 1958.

A provision which would extend to private schools the same exemptions now enjoyed by public schools is included in a bill, H. R. 7125, which passed the House June 20.

ONE OF the longest bills in Congressional history — 429 pages — the measure makes a number of changes in administration of the Federal excise taxes. It is designed to remove inequities that have developed in the complex structure of levies on all types of goods.

Among the changes is a section which would provide that any school or college qualifying as tax-exempt under provisions of the Internal Revenue law could claim a refund on that portion of the purchase price of any product which includes an excise tax.

THIS WOULD amount to about seven per cent of the purchase price of a school bus. Treasury officials estimate it would exempt from the schools and colleges from the 10 per cent Federal tax on local and long distance telephone calls and when personnel of the school travel on official business, it would exempt them

from the Federal tax on transportation.

A spokesman for the Senate Finance Committee said that its legislative work had been so delayed by the protracted public hearings which have been conducted into the Treasury's "tight money" policy that there will not be time during the remainder of the present session to consider the House-approved excise measure.

Berlin Regains Wartorn Churches

Berlin — (NC) — The Berlin diocese, which had only 30 undamaged churches at the end of World War II, now has a total of 315 churches and chapels in use.

There were 278 churches in the See at the beginning of World War II. Of the present 315 churches and chapels, 150 are in West Berlin, 38 in the Soviet sector, 127 elsewhere in communist-held East Germany. Restoration of St. Hedwig's cathedral here is making progress, but will not be completed for some time.

There are now 605,512 Catholics in the Berlin diocese.

BOOK SHELF

Reviewing Shelley, Keats, Tennyson, Arnold, Yeats, on summertime . . .

Heigh-ho for the cool waters, the waters of Lake Ullnam, sung and dreamed of by poets past and present! Look away from your books and papers, lift up your busy head, call back the lines. Listen: all round the world the summer seas are busy.

"The moving waters at their priestlike task Of pure ablution round earth's human shores."

Everywhere about us I hear lake water lapping With low sounds by the shore, and I see "those cool waters where we used to dwell" in childhood.

Let's follow the brook down: remember? "I come from haunts of cool and fern, make a sudden sally, And, sparkle out among the ferns

And bicker down a valley." We're coming out on a beautiful shore "where Helicon breaks down cliffs to the sea" and all is "deep - meadowed, happy, fair with orchard lawns, and bowery hollows crowned with summer seas."

In fact, I passed there on the train not so many weeks ago, and saw three white herons standing motionless and slim at the water's edge, as if trains were a phenomenon they had written out of existence, and silence and loneliness the true conquistadors whose rule already triumphed.

Oh if we might stay just a little while, and read the things "in wind and water writ!" There are places to be explored, "Sandstrewn caverns, cool and deep, Where the winds are all astleep,"

and "banks that are furnished with bees Whose murmur invites one to sleep And grottoes all shaded with trees." There might even be a chance to get right into the "rash smart slobbering brine," or falling that, to have a ride in Phaedria's "little (1190) Gondelay bedecked trim," the first of motorboats, "more swift than swallow shears the liquid sky, withouten oar or pilot it to guide, or winged canvas with the wind to flie! Only she turned a pin, and by and by it cut away upon the yielding wave."

The late Frank Cuneo, industrialist and philanthropist, gave St. Frances Xavier (abrim) much of the money with which she built Columbus Hospital here.

Heavy power equipment is now digging the foundations for a \$2 million hospital for women and children. Dedicated to Mr. Cuneo by his financier son, John, at a groundbreaking ceremony, it will be conducted by members of Mother Cabrini's sisterhood. The new building will be a 131-bed addition to the nearby Frank Cuneo Memorial Hospital, built in 1941.

Priest Heads Group For Blind

Chicago — (NC) — Msgr. Thomas J. Riley of Philadelphia was reelected president of the American Federation of Catholic Workers for the Blind at its fourth annual convention here. The delegates voted to hold their 1958 convention in Philadelphia.

Other officers, all reelected, are: Richard M. O'Hara, Pittsburgh, vice president; William T. Johnson, Brooklyn, N. Y., secretary, and Mrs. Clinton W. Nolan, Buffalo, treasurer.

The White Fathers

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heaven. We think of him, we think of the death of freedom called today to that other world to His company, who on earth was mercifully.

In our labor rest most sweet, Grateful coolness in the heat, Solace in the midst of woe. We can hear quite distinctly in the darkness those "waves that beat on Heaven's shore." The Bard long ago said it beyond forgetting, the simple, pressing message of the waters:

Like as the waves make towards the pebbled shore So do our minutes hasten to their end, their all-encompassing, all-loving End.

Formosan Parish

Talpel, Formosa — (NC) — A veteran missionary has raised the number of Catholics in the Formosan parish from one to 257 in the past three years.

Dominican Father Walter Eodding, a native of Germany, came to the town of Nel'Eu in 1954 after he was expelled from the Chinese mainland, where he had worked for more than 20 years.

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Friday 25 State Teachers' Conference

Monday 11—Veterans' (Armistice Day Recess

Thursday 28 and Friday 29—Thanksgiving Recess

Friday 20—Schools close at noon

Monday 23—Christmas recess begins

Monday 6—Schools reopen

Monday 20—Mid-year examination, for HIGH School released time classes

Wednesday 12—Rochester Teachers' Conference (tentative)

Wednesday 2—Schools close

Thursday 3—Easter recess begins

Monday 14—Schools reopen

Monday 5—Final examination for HIGH School Released Time Classes

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