

Thanks General

U.S. Plane Lowers Cross On Konnersreuth Church

Konnersreuth, West Germany — (NC) — An American Army helicopter team lowered a 200-pound cross onto the top of a recently remodeled village church here.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED spectators including the famed stigmatic Theresa Neumann and Lt. Gen. Francis W. Farrell, Commander of the V Corps, watched the helicopter hover for 20 minutes 200 feet off the ground as its crew slowly let down the heavy golden cross.

The novel method of setting the cross into position was the Army's answer to distress expressed by Miss Neumann who had told General Farrell that it seemed impossible to place the cross on the belfry of the church.

The general, had visited here recently to meet Miss Neumann who bears the imprints of Christ's passion on her body.

THE OPERATION, sponsored by the 26th Transport Battalion, brought the village a holiday with all the schools closed for the event.

After the cross was in place Miss Neumann presented General Farrell with a wooden cross and a rosary. The ceremony was the last official function of Father Joseph Naber, the village priest who will retire shortly.

Pushbutton Age Invades Jesuit Meeting In Rome

Rome — (NC) — The General meeting of the Society of Jesus, now in session here, is making use of an electric voting system never before used by any similar meeting of religious orders.

PUSHBUTTONS placed in front of each delegate are connected with a central board. They light either a green light for "placet" (in favor) or a red one for "non placet" (opposed). The system makes for secrecy of ballot and speed in tallying votes. This fact and a description of procedure have been revealed here by a Jesuit who is taking part in the congregation. The rules of procedure, he said, are based on the desire to allow every member to express his opinions and to promote serious prayer, of the various questions submitted.

Artist Picasso, Noted Marxist, Chosen To Design French-Basilica Windows

Meudon, France—(NC)—Pablo Picasso, who is considered one of the best living artists, is designing 62 windows to replace those destroyed during World War II in the Basilica of Our Lady of Hope here.

Principal church of this industrial town near Reims, the basilica was begun in the 15th century and completed in the early 16th century. It was damaged during World War I and more severely damaged during World War II. The building is regarded as an outstanding example of the Renaissance style in France.

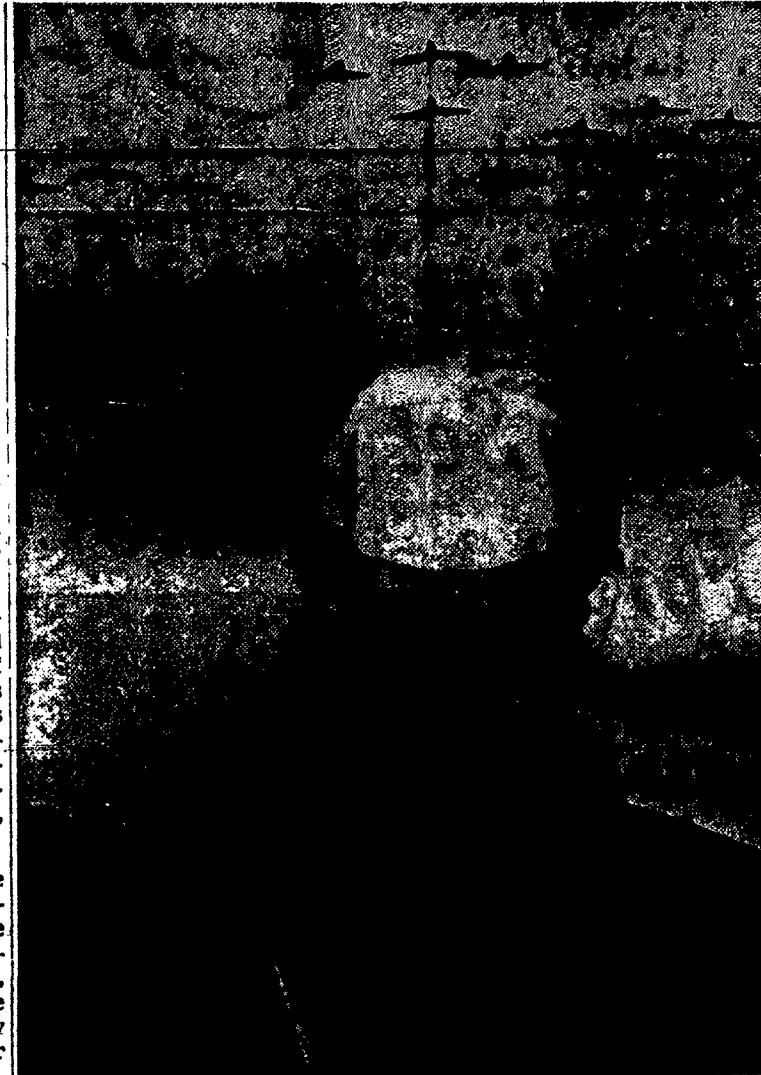
PICASSO, although he is a Marxist, expressed interest in the restoration of the church and was commissioned to design the new windows.

Most of the 77-year-old Spanish-born painter's work has stirred up lively controversy because of his artistic principles. But his political outlook has been no less controversial. Until recently Picasso has been an avowed communist. He was long a close personal friend of Maurice Thorez, late head of France's Reds.

RECENTLY HE has made statements which have been interpreted as defection from the communist party line. Questioned about his political creed, Picasso told a reporter that he is a Marxist, whether his fellow communists approve of him or not.

His reference was to a series of attacks made upon his recent work by communist critics. Picasso was impatient with such criticism and is reported to have said that politicians should stay out of the artist's business.

PICASSO IS NOT the first artist with leftist leanings to decorate or design Catholic churches in this country. Henri Matisse, who returned to the Church shortly before his death in 1955, was a communist when he undertook the designing of the Dominican chapel of Vence.



Jet Pilots Keep Promise

Pope Pius XII sits on the balcony of his summer residence at Castelgandolfo as Italian jet planes of the "Rearing Horse" acrobatic unit puts on a show for his benefit. The unit, stationed about 20 miles west of Castelgandolfo, made the special flight to keep a promise its members made to the Pope when he received them in audience recently. (NC Radiophoto)

Rome Grant Authorizes New Catholic U. Degrees

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The Sacred Congregation of Seminaries and Universities in Rome has authorized the Catholic University of America here to grant the degree of bachelor of sacred theology to students in its affiliated seminaries. The Catholic University of America to participate even more closely and effectively with the affiliated seminaries in the acting rector of the university, education of our young men studying for the priesthood.

Cardinal Hits Red Arrest Of Lutheran

Cologne, Germany — (NC) — Arrest of a Lutheran church official in the Soviet zone brought an expression of "sorrow and indignation" from Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne.

WHEN THE daughter of the chairman of the agricultural production committee of Parspaw, in the Soviet zone near Berlin, refused to participate in communist youth initiation ceremonies, Lutheran Church Prefect Maercker was arrested and charged with inspiring her refusal.

Both Catholic and Lutheran leaders have denounced the youth initiation ceremonies as atavistic attempts to provide a substitute for Confirmation. Prefect Maercker has recently been most outspoken in his attack on the Red youth ritual.

WHEN THE NEWS of the Lutheran official's arrest reached him, Cardinal Frings sent a telegram to Bishop Otto Dibelius, chairman of the Lutheran Bishops' Conference of Germany.

The Cardinal said that the news of this new blow to Christian freedom was received with sorrow and indignation. He said that the only consolation is remembrance that the Apostles too suffered imprisonment for their faith.

Catholic Party Gains In Geneva

Geneva—(RNS)—The Independent Social Christian (Roman Catholic) Party made the biggest proportional gain in the elections for the Geneva cantonal parliament by winning 20 seats. This was three more than its total in the 1954 elections.

The Catholic party is now the second largest group in the parliament. The largest is the Radical Democratic Party, which won 37 of the 100 seats.

The Social Christians were the smallest party in 1953, holding only ten seats. In the 1945 elections they won 14 seats.

Religious Barred From Final Vows Before Army Duty

Vatican City — (NC) — Young men in religious orders cannot take their permanent vows before completing compulsory military training where it exists, the Sacred Congregation of Religious has ruled.

A spokesman for the Sacred Congregation said the measure was adopted because many young men tend to change their minds about religious life after completing military duty.

"Military service," the decree states, "is often the source of a crisis for the vocation in the religious spirit, as experience shows."

THE SACRED Congregation ruled that no one can be validly allowed to take perpetual vows before having completed his military service, or before having obtained a permanent deferment from military duty. Even temporary vows are suspended while such a member of a religious order serves with the military.

During military service a Religious must comply with obligations of the religious life as much as military discipline will allow. Though not bound by vows, he always remains a member of his congregation.

Where it is a question of possessions a Religious may acquire while doing military service, the following rules are established.

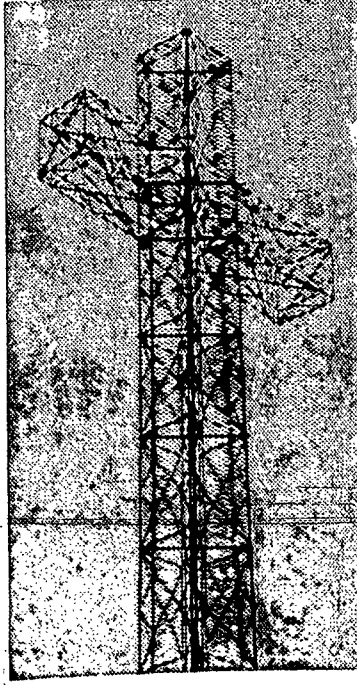
Whatever the member of the religious order may acquire through his own efforts and ability while part of the military belongs to the order.

Any pension he may be given for wounds received or illnesses contracted while in military service belong to the order, as long as he remains one of its members and does not decide to leave it.

Should he die while in the military, all settlements that belong to him automatically become the property of the order.

AFTER HAVING completed his military service, a Religious must return to conventional life for a period of time with temporary vows. This period shall normally last about three months, at the end of which he will be admitted to perpetual profession.

In the United States permanent deferments in the form of exemptions by law are granted to all clerics and persons studying for the regular or duly ordained ministry. In most European nations, however, clergy and seminarians are subject to conscription for duty in the military services.



Radio Cross

Only radio antenna in the world made in the shape of a Cross is that of the new Vatican Radio. Pictured is the one tower which stands out from myriad towers that comprise the 24 short-wave antennas that carry news from the Vatican to all parts of the world including behind the Iron Curtain. Pope Pius XII recently blessed the transmitters and buildings. (NC Photos)

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NEVER TOO YOUNG
No, you're never too young to make your will. Protect your loved ones against unforeseen disaster. Many an unfortunate dependent endures great hardship during legal strifes which a will could have prevented. Get good legal advice when you do. It's never too soon; you can always change it. Make God a partner in yours.

SILENT GUEST
Why not invite Our Lord to join in your Turkey Day dinner? Invite Him TODAY by sending the cost of a FOODPACK (\$10). It'll feed a REFUGEE family for a week. On Thanksgiving set a place for Him at your table. What you give Him poor, you give Him. You'll be happy both then and now. In thanks we'll send a ROSARY FROM THE HOLY LAND.

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Maybe you're blessed with loyal and devoted friends and relatives who will remember your soul with Masses and prayers. They may be they'll go before you. Make sure NOW by arranging it yourself. Enquire about our SUSPENSE CARD. The Masses will be said within a few weeks. No waiting for your will to be cleared by the courts.

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