

Refugees Flee Red Terrorism

By FATHER PLACID JORDAN

Bonn, Germany — (NC) — East to West flow of refugees continues like a seemingly endless trek through the Iron Curtain.

This past year, according to official figures released here, more than a quarter million people have escaped from the Soviet zone of Germany alone. That is more than the total of Hungarians who found their way to freedom after the bloody uprising there in 1956.

A considerable percentage of these hurried, nearly hopeless people are Catholics — men, women and children who abandoned their homes and all their belongings to gain freedom from communist oppression.

Some twelve million expelled and refugees from the East have come to Western Germany since 1945. An average of 25,000 people continue to arrive every month, not counting the monthly total of some 10,000 Germans formerly residing in territories now under Polish administration and in other areas where they are no longer wanted.

There are still more than 3,000 refugee camps in the Federal German Republic. Some 400,000 people live in them — if living it can be called — on relief and charity.

HOW MUCH freedom means to them can be measured by the misery they now must bear: cramped quarters, with beds in tiers; kitchen nooks barely sufficient to take care of the most primitive requirements; partition walls made of blankets and cardboard, at best.

These camps cannot be closed up, because only about half of these refugees are likely to find shelter with relatives and friends. The rest must wait years before even modest accommodations can be found that ensure bearable living conditions for them.

NEARLY TWO and a half million new homes have been built since 1950 for refugees. At least another two million are needed to meet their urgent needs. Besides, jobs must be found for these people. Most of them were independent farmers or owners of small industries. Now they must be satisfied to start from scratch, with hardly any hope of becoming property owners again, even on a modest scale.

Bishop Offers Requiem For Msgr. Brien

Elmira — Three bishops headed the host of clergy and laymen attending the Solemn Funeral Mass celebrated here in St. Patrick's Church for the Rt. Rev. Monsignor William J. Brien, pastor of the church since 1932.

The veteran Elmira churchman, who also was dean of the Chemung-Schuyler Deanery and a member of the Board of Consultors of the Rochester Diocese, died suddenly Monday, June 2, 1958, in St. Patrick's Rectory. Cause of death was a heart attack.

CELEBRANT of the Solemn Requiem Mass here Friday morning (June 6, 1958) for the deceased prelate was Bishop James E. Kearney of Rochester. Present in the sanctuary were Bishop Walter A. Foery of Syracuse, seminary classmate of Monsignor Brien, and Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Rochester.

Bishop Foery gave the final absolution following the Mass and Bishop Casey imparted absolution at the grave in the priest's plot of St. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Elmira.

REV. LEO G. SCHWAB, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmira and long time friend of Monsignor Brien, preached the sermon.

Citing the deceased prelate's career as pastor of St. Patrick's, Father Schwab stated:

"Twenty-six years ago, Monsignor Brien came to St. Patrick's. He found it already a spiritually rich parish. His predecessor, Monsignor Bloomer, had during over (Continued on Page 6)

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'Father Of The Year'

St. Agnes High Students Hold Contest, Girl's Essay Wins 'Title' For Her Dad

Who should be "Father of the Year?"

According to the students of St. Agnes High School, each student's father should have a prior right to that title — and who can blame them?

To decide what father of all the students at the school should have the title, the Sisters of St. Joseph, who staff the school, decided to hold an essay contest to determine who would be the St. Agnes Father of the Year with the winning family to be guests of the school at a breakfast this Sunday — Father's Day — at the Manor Seneca Hotel.

Winner of the contest was freshman Karen E. Kirby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edmund D. Kirby of 2011 West Side Dr., Churchville.

Of course, the contest was close, but it was easy to see why the judges picked 14-year-old Karen's essay as the winner.

A TEACHER at Monroe High School, Kirby received a write-up by his daughter that places him in a class by himself.

He is everything a Catholic man should be, from being a devoted son to his mother, "most wonderful brother" according to his sister, a wonderful father and the kind of neighbor that everyone would want — "he pushes stuck cars during the Winter and does heavy lifting for his aged neighbors," says Karen.

But why paraphrase what Karen said. Here is her article itself.

FATHER OF YEAR
By KAREN KIRBY
St. Agnes, Freshman

I have often heard the story of Dr. Jeckyll and Mr. Hyde, but let me tell you about one man who is really eight different people. After comparing him with others, I have never seen such a "super" father and loving husband. Never was there such a devoted son, and as my aunt puts it, "Most wonderful brother in the world."

According to what I have heard others say, there is no better neighbor (the kind that pushes stuck cars in winter and does the heavy lifting for aged neighbors). He is a loyal friend and one who gets invited to parties; his friends honored him at a surprise birthday party this year. To acquaintances, he is pleasant. Blondie, our dog, thinks that he's the kindest master in the universe.

However, before I go any further, may I tell you just a little about his dauntless spirit? Because of his patriotism, Dad made the sacrifice of leaving home and going to defend his country during World War II. What a sacrifice, it



'BRINGING UP FATHER' — Karen E. Kirby, Freshman student at St. Agnes High School, tells her father, Edmund D. Kirby, how her essay won him the mythical title of "Father of the Year" in a contest conducted among students at the East River Rd. school in Brighton. Kirby, a teacher at Monroe High School in Rochester, drives daughter Karen to her school every day from their family home in Churchville. (Courier-Journal Photo).

was! Three months after he left, his first baby, a girl, was born, but he offered up his great disappointment of not being home in honor of the Holy Family whom he holds up as the ideal family group.

He had to be content with just pictures of his loved ones. After being dismissed from the army hospital, he came home to us. Dad had to work twice as hard as the average father at this time in order to earn his degree.

He not only went to college, he worked to support his family. In his aptitudes, my father is a very versatile man. He is a teacher by profession. Dad is also my private tutor. Many times when I know he's exhausted from teaching all day and sometimes at night school, he unravels the mystery of math or "unsnags" the "catch" in Latin.

Dad's the doctor for all our cuts and bruises. Occasionally, when Mom is ill, Dad takes over the cooking. Besides being our chief gardener, plumber and

mechanic, Dad is also my chauffeur.

Uncomplainingly, he takes me to and from school, to youth club and to the hundred and one places I have to go. Dad has also found time to share his love of books with me.

I hope that someday my personality will reflect some of the wonderful character my dad has. So, may I present the man I have chosen for the father of this year and every year, my Dad!

FOR BEING SELECTED the winner, Karen will also receive two free tickets to every event on the St. Agnes social calendar next year. Runners-up in the contest were Diane E. Graneth, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Graneth of 53 Rossiter Rd., and Alice M. Conway, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Conway Jr. of 103 Canterbury Rd. Both are sophomores at the school.

Regardless of the contest, there is this consolation for all dads of St. Agnes High girls — each girl thinks her father is the Father of the Year.

POAU Hits TV License For Jesuits

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals here has been asked to declare illegal the grant of a commercial television channel to Loyola University in New Orleans because it is a Jesuit institution "subject to foreign control."

PROTESTANTS and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State made the request in a "friend of the court" brief.

Two unsuccessful applicants for the station, the Times-Picayune Publishing Co., and former Gov. James A. Noe of Louisiana, have appealed to the court asking it to vacate the Federal Communications Commission's grant on the grounds that it contravenes a section of the FCC Act.

This section reads that no alien or foreign government, or their representatives, shall be granted a license to operate a commercial TV station.

IN ITS BRIEF, POAU contended that Church-State separation was involved because Loyola "is a wholly owned and controlled instrumentality of the Holy Roman Pontificate and said Pontificate is the true beneficiary of the proposed grant."

"The Father Superior, an alien, has the power of appointment and removal of all officers of Loyola," the brief said. "The Jesuit order and the University are also in every sense instrumentalities of the Papacy."

Albuquerque, N. M. — (RNS) — Members of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State in New Mexico were urged to protest appropriation of funds for bus transportation of parochial school pupils.

Dedication To Service



NEW ST. MARY'S NURSES — Bishop Kearney presented prayerbooks to 55 graduates of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing following celebration of Mass Monday evening in the Sacred Heart Cathedral. Here Nurse Marilyn Anne Poole, receives prayerbook from the Bishop. (Courier-Journal Photo.)

'See Christ In Sick,' New Nurses Told

"A nurse should strive to see Christ in her patients and to serve Christ through her patients," Monsignor Richard K. Burns, pastor of St. Thomas Church, told the Graduation Class of St. Mary's Hospital School of Nursing.

He urged the new nurses to "consider yourselves servants of Christ in your every deed. Your every task should be an occasion of grace," he said.

These counsels were given the young nurses at the annual Graduation Mass celebrated for them Monday afternoon in the Sacred Heart Cathedral by His Excellency Bishop Kearney.

Including 55 members, the current graduation class is one of the largest in the history of the School of Nursing of St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester's oldest institution for the care of the sick.

BEFORE THE Mass, Bishop Kearney presented diplomas and prayerbooks to the members of the class.

Highest scholastic award was presented to Patricia Ann Reagan with honorable mention going to Patricia Marie Cook and Mary Alice Kase. Marilyn Anne Dietz received the school spirit award and Elizabeth Anne Hameinck the Dr. Nash surgical award.

MEMBERS of the Graduation Class are:

Kathleen Frances Barry, Monica Jane Barry, Beverly Grace Belmont, Carol Ann Bennett, Ann Marie Beyer, Yvonne Marie Blanchard, Louise Marilyn Campbell, Elizabeth Jane Casapella,

Joan Edith Carr, Patricia Merle Cook, Rosemarie Victoria Curcio.

Anne Marie Dempsey, Patricia Ann Dickson, Marilyn Anne Dietz, Barbara Ann Donlon, Joanne Theresa Dubay, Patricia Anne Falanga, Dolores Marie Gocella, Patricia Anne Guarino.

Elizabeth Anne Hamelink, Shirley Anne Harkness, Donna Therese Holschneider, Bertha Mae Hoover, Margaret Eleanor Jamison, Mary Alice Kase, Suzanne Marie Keller, Rita Mary Kuder, Dolores Marie Kujawa,

Nadine Marie Lochner, Ann Marie Mancini, Katherine Mary Meehan, Sylvia Ann Meriden, Marilyn Kathleen Morris, Marie Frances Muchard, Nancy Ann O'Keefe, Marilyn Anne Poole, Frances Mary Popp, Polly Ann Poyer.

Patricia Ann Reagan, Ellen Patricia Ryan, Janet Marie Ryan, Anne Marie Sakers, Rosemary Theresa Schlosser, Sally Ann Shimmel, Margaret Ellen Shultz.

Trene Carol Tenny, Suzanne Frances Toomey, Jane Elizabeth Torbet, Marie Marie Vercauteren, Dorothy Mary Wanders, Joyce Celeste Warner, Joanne Therese Weidmiller, Nancy Ann Wick, Margaret Jeanne Wolford and Mary Juanita Wyand.

Beauty Contest Cancelled At Air Force Base

Plattsburgh, N. Y. — (RNS) — A bathing beauty contest scheduled for June 27-28 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base was cancelled after it had been opposed by Roman Catholic Bishop James J. Navagh of Ogdensburg.

In a letter read at all Sunday Masses celebrated in the diocese, Bishop Navagh warned parishioners they would be guilty of mortal sin if they attended such contests. Girls taking part in the competition and their parents would be denied sacraments of the Church, the bishop wrote.

In cancelling the contest, Air Force officials said it was eliminated "in the best interests of community relations."



"I just couldn't shoot him!"

Sequel To War II Drama In Europe

German Soldier Greets Friend, Yank Airman, Now Priest

Cleveland — (NC) — A newly ordained priest here was given a hearty handshake by a former German soldier who was ordered to kill him 13 years ago.

When Father Frederic Nachtigal, who was ordained in Austin, Tex., recently, offered his first Solemn Mass in St. Mary's Slovenian Church here, one of the first to greet him was Fritz Beckman, a former corporal in the German Army.

THIRTEEN YEARS ago, Father Nachtigal was a waist gunner on a U.S. Eighth Air Force plane that was shot down on a mission over Berlin. He baled out and was taken prisoner by the Germans.

Cpl. Beckman was ordered to get rid of Father Nachtigal because there wasn't enough room for all the prisoners.

"I just couldn't shoot him," Beckman said here.

Instead of becoming Father Nachtigal's executioner, he became his protector. He sheltered him, brought him food and guarded him from German soldiers. When the Russians started to fight their way into Berlin, Beckman helped Father Nachtigal escape toward the American lines.

AS THE RUSSIAN troops moved in, Beckman was shot in the leg. He was put in a prisoners' camp, then released and permitted to remain in East Berlin. He stayed in that sector of the city for two years before escaping with his wife to West Berlin. Eleven months ago he and his wife came to the United States. They now live in Connecticut.

Through the years the two former enemies in war have kept up a correspondence. The meeting here at Father Nachtigal's first Mass was a happy climax.

Fordham's Land Purchase Upheld

Washington, D. C. — (RNS) — The United States Supreme Court here declined to review the constitutionality of Fordham University's purchase from New York City of two blocks in the Lincoln Square project at less than acquisition cost.

In turning down the review request, the country's highest tribunal affirmed a recent decision of the New York Court of Appeals which declared that the city did not violate the constitutional guarantee of Church-State separation in reselling the land to the Roman Catholic school.

THE SUPREME Court's action apparently terminates the long legal battle fought by Harris L. Present, attorney for two groups of taxpayers opposing

the 13-block, \$205,000,000 project. The plaintiffs have been trying to stop the entire slum-clearing project on the grounds that Fordham was receiving an unconstitutional grant of public funds.

Early in May, the Court of Appeals unanimously ruled that Fordham was not getting "a grant or subsidy of public property" by buying the area "at marked-down prices because the university did not pay for the actual property but for its 'use value' as fixed by several appraisals.

Consequently, the court said, the resale of the two blocks at less than acquisition cost was not a subsidy to Fordham or a contribution to state or federal obligations.

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