



Mission Friars Serenade Champ

Oceanside, Calif. — (NC) — World heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson, a convert to the Catholic faith, chats with Frater Cary Martin (left) and Frater Doman Paskey during a visit to California's Mission San Luis Rey. The Frater Choir serenaded him with Spanish songs and Church hymns. The champ's Oceanside training camp where he is preparing for the August 15 title defense against Roy Harris is six miles from the mission.

Report Shows Nuns Slow To Modernize

Providence — Only two of the thirty-nine religious orders of nuns in this Rhode Island diocese have complied with the 1952 wish of Pope Pius XII to "modernize" the garb of the sisters.

A SURVEY by the Providence Visitor, diocesan newspaper, indicated that the remaining thirty-seven communities had thus far resisted the Pope's proposal. Twelve of the orders were said to have made slight modifications which, however, did not "modernize" the garb, the Providence Visitor stated.

The survey was prompted by a Reuters news agency dispatch from Rome which reported that most of the nearly one million nuns in the world have done nothing to fulfill the expressed wish of the Pontiff.

Reuters said the Pope, after several papal directives were ignored, summoned to Rome over 1,000 sister superiors and told them clearly of his wishes.

At that time, 1952, the Holy Father told the superiors, "We wish to serve Jesus Christ and His Church as the world of today requires but it is not reasonable to persist in customs and garbs that hinder this service."

In an international radio broadcast last week, the Pope again warned nuns to overcome "narrow-minded rigidity and obstinacy" in retaining out-dated customs and practices.

The Providence Visitor survey showed that five orders in that diocese are currently in that "talking stage" about revising their habits in accord with the 1952 suggestion of the Pope.

Prelate Emphasizes

Baptism Sponsors Must Be Catholics

St. Paul, Minn. — (RNS) — Catholics may not be sponsors at baptisms outside the Catholic Church, "even for their closest friends," Archbishop William O. Brady of St. Paul warned here.

And only Catholics may be sponsors at Catholic baptisms, he said.

Archbishop Brady, writing in his weekly column on the Catholic Bulletin, said that Catholic people "should never embarrass their priests nor their Non-Catholic friends by wishing to admit these last to an office which they cannot honestly claim and for which they are not qualified."

"Baptism in any church," he wrote, "is or ought to be surely much more than a social event or a neighborhood party. Our neighbors and our friends should not invite us Catholics to stand as sponsors in a faith that is not ours."

"We hold our neighbors dear. We show them every honor. We are happy for their friendship. But we do not believe as many of them do. We should not be asked to assert what we cannot sustain. We shall not be irked if every man will live and worship according to his conscience and leave us to live according to ours."

"To be quite specific... Catholics may not, even for their closest friends, be sponsors at baptisms outside the Catholic Church."

THE ARCHBISHOP noted that wedding arrangements "afford a like problem though the implications are not the same."

"For us Catholics," he said, "marriage is much more than a social event, a party or a civil contract. It is a sacrament. The witnesses who assist play a double role, testifying for both the government and the Church. For our weddings, only Catholics should be invited for this office. "A religious instinct also leads others to wish something more

Roll Out The Barrel

Tanganyika, East Africa — Contrary to popular belief, natives in the Maryknoll mission areas here, don't use hollowed-out trees to beat out a native rumble. The skin beaters here use empty oil barrels borrowed from large oil companies.

"Ingeniously, the natives also use the barrels for bathtubs, armchairs, storage tanks, showers and hundreds of other uses," said Father Arthur H. Wille, Maryknoll Missioner of Watsonville, California.

Of course, the oil companies aren't always too pleased at the number of oil barrels that disappear each year.

China Persecution Creates 'Church Of Catacombs'

Vatican City — (RNS) — Persecution in Communist China has not killed religion there, but has created instead a new Church of the Catacombs, the Vatican Radio declared in a special report.

If said new priests are being secretly ordained "in forests, cellars, private houses and even in underground catacombs."

The Vatican station said the Communists are conducting relentless campaigns to "brainwash" the Catholic clergy.

IT REPORTED that in Shanghai "most of the Catholic clergy have been imprisoned for several months and are subjected to prolonged Marxist indoctrination."

"Only those who give in are released," it said. "The others continue to languish in prison."

The station said that Protestant clergymen are being subjected to the same treatment. Many of the imprisoned clergymen, it added, have suffered mental and physical breakdown as a result of ill-treatment.

Queen Voices Hope For Church Unity

London — (RNS) — Queen Elizabeth told Anglican bishops at the Lambeth Conference here that she hoped the meeting would help heal "the unhappy divisions among Christians."

THE QUEEN ALSO praised the prelates for "special attention" by the Conference to family life.

Her talk was in reply to an address by Dr. Geoffrey Francis Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, at a reception in Buckingham Palace for the Anglican dignitaries.

Queen Elizabeth noted that since the 1948 Lambeth Conference "real progress" has been made toward reunion.

"It is my earnest hope," she declared, "that your present Conference may help to bring more healing to the unhappy divisions among Christians and so hasten the fulfillment of the Divine prayer 'that all may be one.'"

England Leads In Number Of Cloistered Sisters

London — (RNS) — Figures published in conjunction with Pope Pius XII's recent broadcasts to cloistered nuns throughout the world show that England, in proportion to numbers of Catholics, has more enclosed nuns than any other country.

WITH A TOTAL of perhaps 4,000,000 Catholics, England has 2,437 cloistered nuns living in 131 convents.

The only countries in Europe with more enclosed nuns than England are Spain, Italy and France, in that order.

Germany, with five or six times as many Catholics as England, has fewer cloistered nuns. In the United States there are between eight and nine times as many Catholics as there are in England, but the total of enclosed nuns is per cent wise much below the other nations listed.

The English showing is planned in large part by the astonishing achievement of a French Carmelite, Mother Mary of Jesus (Madeleine Dupont), who became prioress at a Carmelite convent in London in 1852.

Between 1907 and 1937 she founded no fewer than 33 Carmelites in England, Wales and Scotland. Meanwhile, she was instrumental in bringing about a great increase of Carmelite vocations in the England convents.

New Twist On 'Wrong Pew'

Springfield — (RNS) — A delivery mix-up caused some red faces at a booth operated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union here at the Illinois State Fair.

Bundles of literature extolling the contributions of the liquor industry to the American way of life were delivered to the WCTU. Some of it reportedly was passed out to visitors before the error was discovered.

Fair officials, who were summoned to remove the literature, promptly delivered it to the proper consignee, the Illinois Retail Beverage Association whose booth was directly opposite the WCTU encampment.

Princess Receives First Communion

Brussels — (NC) — Auxiliary Bishop Fulton J. Sheen of New York gave First Communion to Princess Marie-Christine, daughter of King Leopold III of Belgium, here. Bishop Sheen administered the sacrament to the Princess while he was a guest of the Royal Family of Belgium during the International Catholic Days held at the Brussels International Exposition.

"WITH HIGH HOPES AND BARE HANDS..."

the people of Pokhramshi began to clear the forest in search of land they could cultivate," the Bishop of Kotayam (So. India) recently wrote to us. "For twelve years they have worked and fought disease, wild animals and unfriendly climate. Bishop Tharajil continues, "and now they are finally making progress." The first thought of these good people when they began to make headway was to build a church and school to bring God's blessings on themselves and their families. They have already purchased the land and they stand ready to provide ALL the labor necessary. They now need \$2,000 to buy the materials—certainly this is not an unreasonable request. Will you crown the work of this generation by a donation for the House of God?

THE PRIESTS OF THE POOR HAVE NO MORE THAN THE PEOPLE THEY SERVE. \$25 WILL BUY A CASCOCK FOR A DEDICATED PRIEST. . . WILL YOU CLOTHE A PRESENT DAY APOSTLE? YOU WON'T MISS IT FROM YOUR VACATION MONEY!

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (August 22nd) brings to mind the complete dedication of the Blessed Mother to the service of Her Divine Son. It is also a good day to make it possible for a young heart to follow the God-given vocation of total dedication to the work of the altar. THOMAS and MARYEVA wish to devote their lives to the service of the Church as priest. Before they can, however, they must spend six years in the Seminary at Alway, India. The entire course will cost \$600 for each boy. Would you care to "adopt" one of these young men? You can send the money in any manner convenient while your "son in Christ" prepares to imitate the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

WHAT YOU PLACE IN THE HANDS OF THE HOLY FATHER YOU PLACE IN THE HANDS OF CHRIST. . . MAKE A "STRING-LESS GIFT" TODAY TO ENABLE OUR HOLY FATHER TO HELP THE POOR AND SUFFERING OF THE NEAR EAST MISSIONS!

Sister ANTONIA and Sister MICHELLE wish to serve the poor and suffering people of Lebanon. They wish all people to know and to serve the IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY. . . but before they can do this a two year period of novitiate training will be necessary. The total cost of this will be \$300 for each girl. In honor of the Blessed Mother will you "adopt" one of these girls? You may pay the money in any manner convenient while your "daughter in Mary" prepares for her great vocation.

NOW MORE THAN EVER MASS OFFERINGS ARE NECESSARY IF YOUR MISSIONARY PRIESTS ARE TO HAVE THE BARE ESSENTIALS OF LIFE. REMEMBER THEM TODAY!

ABOVE THE RATTLE OF GUNFIRE you can still hear the cries of hungry children in the large hidden lands of the Near East. And to the large number of refugees the continuing struggle daily adds "new orphans." Old and young, boys and girls, children in straits—all turn to our Holy Father for help. Will you enable the Vicar of Christ to feed them? Will you make it possible for him to clothe them? It will feed a refugee family for a week, take it from your vacation money!

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