

Race Against Arctic Winter

Fire-Wrecked Parish Rebuilds In Hurry

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Fort Good Hope, Northwest Territories — When fire strikes a village on the fringe of the Arctic Circle it is disastrous.

Freight alone, at three dollars per 100 pounds from Fort Smith to Fort Good Hope, amounts to more than \$3,000 on a rectory such as Brother Jean Philippe Boucher, O.M.I., is building to replace one destroyed last Good Friday at Our Lady of Good Hope mission here.

When materials are needed in a hurry a telegram is the only practical means of communication. Mail is flown from this outpost only once a week. Brother Boucher's telegram bill already amounted to \$20 by August.

WHEN MATERIALS are needed in a real hurry they must be brought in by air express at \$1 per pound. At that rate, it would cost \$500 to transport an oil stove, here for Brother Roger Mahé, O.M.I., cook, gardener and handyman at the mission.

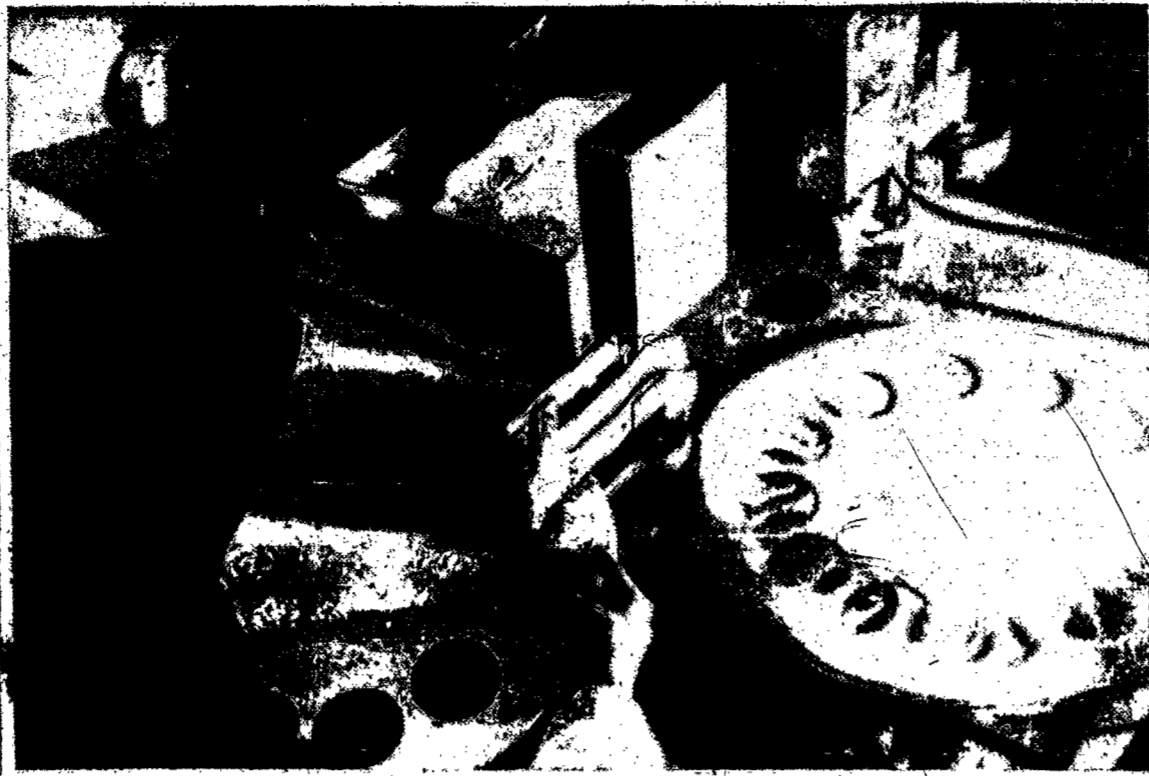
Transportation is far from the only unusual problem of builders in Fort Good Hope and other mission stations in Bishop Joseph Trocellier's Vicariate of Mackenzie.

In addition to enchantment, distance also lends confusion. Often much needed materials are put on the wrong barge or an important message is sent to the wrong place or just plain lost.

While sweating out a delay in the delivery of several hundred bags of concrete, Brother Boucher has his fingers crossed that they will arrive in time to beat the freeze-up.

IF HE CAN get his concrete poured and the walls and roof on by October 1, he very likely can wind up his project by February. If too many delays hold him up, he'll have to close down operations and begin again next spring, about May 15 up here.

Financing the project is another concern of Brother Boucher and his pastor, Father Rene Fumoleau, O.M.I., for there was no insurance on the old rectory. It is impractical to carry insurance because of the high rates in isolated areas.



Altar Breads For 11-Million

St. Louis (NC) — The marked increase in Holy Communion following the relaxed fasting regulations last year has greatly added to the work of nuns in many convents where altar breads are prepared. Church law requires that only pure wheat flour be used. Dough is prepared, cut and stamped on a machine, as shown here, then baked. Special permission was necessary to take this photograph inside the strictly cloistered convent of the Sisters Magdalen, in St. Louis, Mo. Eleven million hosts, an average of 75,000 a day, have been sent by the Magdalen Sisters in St. Louis to parishes throughout the United States during the past six months.

Visa Hopes Seen For Noted Author

Washington (NC) — Christopher Dawson, British historian who on grounds of health has been denied a visa to enter the United States, is undergoing further medical tests, according to State Department and Public Health Service officials.

Early in July the State Department reported that Mr. Dawson had been denied an entry visa, because of the seeming evidence of chest X-rays that he has pulmonary tuberculosis.

Mr. Dawson has constantly stated that his British doctor says he has no tuberculosis. Now spokesmen for the Public Health Service and the State Department told the N.C.W.C. News Service, the original medical findings are being rechecked and further tests administered. A final decision in the case is expected shortly.

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Catholics Warned Congress Votes Against MRA Link Tighter Smut Control Law

Washington (RNS) — Congress approved and sent to President Eisenhower for signature a bill increasing the penalty for mailing obscene literature, or transporting it in interstate commerce by any other means, and making violators subject to detention and trial at the point where it is received as well as where it is shipped.

As soon as the President signs the measure, the Post Office Department is expected to begin the biggest enforcement drive in its history against peddlers of lewd pictures, movies and books.

In taking final action on the measure House-Senate conferees dropped an amendment which had been added by the Senate to impose a \$1,000 penalty on knowingly mailing obscene material to juveniles in student secondary schools.

House members said that they doubted the view of censored private letter carriers that the provision could be applied constitutionally, and they feared it might jeopardize enforcement of the new act as a whole.

Catholic Schools Closed In Vietnam

Vatican City (RNS) — All Catholic schools in Communist-controlled North Vietnam have now been closed by the government, the Vatican Radio reported.

Marquette, Mich. (NC) — "Moral Re-armament" encourages religious indifference and attempts to reduce all creeds to a common denominator, according to Bishop Thomas L. Noe of Marquette.

Bishop Noe cited these errors of MRA in issuing a pastoral directive banning participation in the movement to Catholics of the Marquette diocese, and all other Catholics who come within the limits of the See's jurisdiction.

Moral Re-armament operates one of its two international training centers at Mackinac Island, Mich., in the Marquette diocese. The center is at Cox, Sault Ste. Marie.

The Bishop assumed that it is "both dangerous and futile for Catholics to seek guidance in matters of faith and morals from those who do not have a God-given authority."

It is our duty, he declared, to bring to the attention of the Holy See the situation.

Catholics that MRA whatever its good intentions, assumes the role of spiritual direction and guidance for which it does not have a divine authority.

The Bishop's statements were contained in a pastoral directive on faith which accompanied the directive banning participation in MRA. Issued here in pamphlet form, copies of the pastoral were sent to all U.S. bishops and all seminaries in this country. Additional copies are available from the diocesan chancery office, 411 South Fourth Street, Marquette, Mich.

The Moral Re-armament movement, also known as the Oxford Group and as Buchmanism, was begun by Dr. Frank Buchman, a Lutheran minister, in 1907 at Princeton, N.J.

Princeton Father Halton To Study At Oxford

Trenton (RNS) — Bishop George W. Ahn of Trenton announced here that the Rev. Hugh J. Halton, O.P., director of the Aquinas Institute, Princeton, for six years, has been given a new assignment.

He will pursue advanced studies and research at Oxford University, England.

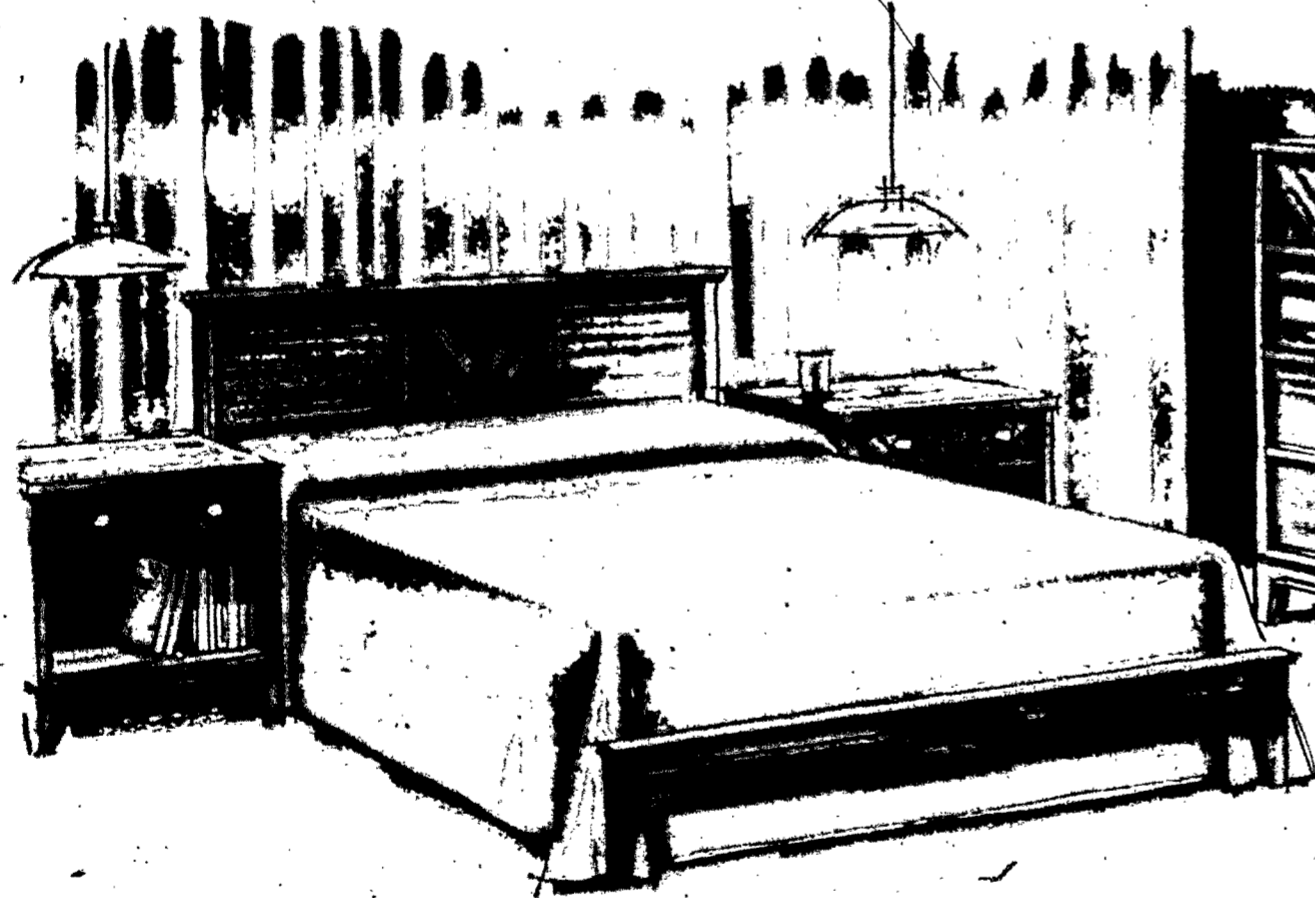
DIRECTOR of the Institute of the Rev. Halton served as chaplain to Catholic students at Princeton University until last September when all "privileges" extended to him were withdrawn after he had criticized some of the school's policies as anti-Catholic.

Bishop Ahn said he was informed of the priest's assignment by a letter from the Rev. William T. Martin, O.P., provincial of the Dominican Fathers in New York.

Commenting on Father Halton's change of status, Bishop Ahn said that he would be sorry to lose the services of this brilliant and dedicated priest.



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