

Human Guinea Pigs

Nazi Victims To Tour U.S.

Baltimore — (NC) — Two Polish women who were victims of brutal Nazi medical experiments have completed three months of intensive treatment at local hospitals.

Both were partially relieved of the effects of their World War I medical experiments at Ravensbrueck, Germany, concentration camp. They will tour parts of the United States before returning home.

Mrs. Stanislaw Bafia, wife of a professor of law at a Warsaw university, and Mrs. Jadwiga Kukiela, also of Warsaw, were members of the group of about 300 women known as the "Ravensbrueck Lapsins — guinea pigs."

The women, of whom only 52 survived, were used by Nazi doctors as subjects for bone transplant, drug and other types of experiments.

The two who were given voluntary care here by local doctors, dentists and hospitals were in a group of 27 "lapsins" brought to this country by the Hiroshima Peace Center Associates, a Quaker organization, and provided with non-medical help by organizations contacted

by Catholic Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference, especially Polish-American groups.

Mrs. Bafia said she was arrested at the age of 15 for listening to forbidden radio broadcasts. Flesh and bone were removed from her legs at Ravensbrueck. Baltimore doctors say they cannot tell what purpose this operation could have served.

Mrs. Bafia said she was scheduled to be shot the day American troops liberated Ravensbrueck prisoners.

Mrs. Kukiela was gradually desensitized by radiation treatments in experiments to be used in a program designed to prevent propagation of Poles. She had been arrested during an uprising and imprisoned in four camps before being sent to Ravensbrueck.

Mrs. Kukiela said she was on the list to be cremated the day of liberation.

Cardinal Cushing:

Moderns Need Crusade Of Joy

Boston — (NC) — Modern people are "sick from fear" of almost everything, but a "crusade of joy" could overcome this sickness, His Eminence Richard Cardinal Cushing told a group of doctors here.

Cardinal Cushing, the Archbishop of Boston, said that calling this time the "age of anxiety" was an appropriate label. To fight this tendency, he said, people must "build up a tremendous sense of God's Providence."

In an address to the Suffolk District Medical Society's annual banquet, the Cardinal said the world had turned from joy to fear because it turned from God to materialism. "The world needs some great saint who will wage a war against the contemporary spirit of cynicism, pessimism and fear," he said.

"None of us is a saint," he said, "but let's start a crusade of joy."

Cardinal Cushing said: "Everywhere we turn we find people sick from fear: fear of their neighbors, fear of their work, fear of the diseases they have and those they do not have, fear of the unknown and fear of the known, fear of everything out-

side of themselves and fear of themselves."

These fears are being incorrigibly fought by psychiatry, political stogans, seeking distractions and dedicating oneself to a "cause." He suggested that instead, "we should meditate frequently on the nature of God as He is revealed in the Our Father."

Dutch Monk Visits Jewish Farmers

Jerusalem — (RNS) — Father Thomas Snyder, a Dutch Trappist monk, took part in the International Farmers Conference here. He had been given special permission by his superiors in Holland to attend the week-long event.



First Holy Hour For Parents Of Nuns

Newark — (RNS) — Archbishop Thomas A. Boland of Newark, N.J., blesses participants in what was claimed to be the first Holy Hour for parents of nuns ever held. More than 1,000 parents in the Newark archdiocese attended the ceremony in Sacred Heart Cathedral. The observance was sponsored by the Serra Club of the Oranges.

Ohio Diocese Dedicates New Cathedral

Youngstown — (NC) — Imposing church buildings play a significant role in religion today as in times past, Archbishop Karl J. Alter of Cincinnati declared at the dedication of the new Cathedral of St. Columba here.

(Auxiliary Bishop Lawrence B. Casey attended the ceremony to represent the Rochester Diocese.)

PREACHING at the dedication Mass, Archbishop Alter said the function of the cathedral church is "to reassert the fundamental necessity of an objective and definite creed; to declare a definite code of morality, and to proclaim the existence of a divinely established rule or hierarchy."

Archbishop Alter spoke of the Christian community within the church shelters. "The divine life of this sacred community is always the primary object of our religious effort," he said.

Around The World

Delegate... Converts... Pills

Apostolic Delegate's Arrival

Rome — (NC) — Archbishop Edigio Vagnoni is sailing from Naples aboard the Giulio Cesare on April 28, and will arrive in New York on May 8.

Iraq Legate

Baghdad — (NC) — Najib al Sayegh, named Iraq's first ambassador to Lebanon, is the first Catholic to be appointed to so high a post in this country's diplomatic service.

Conversion Campaign

London — (NC) — The Bishop of England and Wales have taken a new step in their drive to convert the country by opening a National Advisory Catechetical Center here.

The recently launched month-long April conversion drive was organized by the Catholic Missionary Society, a group of priests working full-time for conversions. It is based on door-to-door apostolates and the prayers of Britain's four million faithful.

Politics Kept Out

Paris — (NC) — The sale of politically-oriented Catholic periodicals inside or at the entrance to churches has been forbidden by the Assembly of French Cardinals and Archbishops.

The only publications that can be sold there will be those of a purely religious nature.

'Copter Retreat Master

Monticello, Iowa — (NC) — As a late-winter snow blocked the

roads around this northeast Iowa town, students of Sacred Heart High School thought their annual retreat would have to be postponed for lack of a retreat master.

But a helicopter was pressed into service as a taxi to pick up Father C. J. Baker of the Central Catholic High School in Dubuque—30 miles away—and bring him here. The copter skipped over the snow-clogged roads in a 25-minute trip and the retreat began on time.

Aid From Spain

Santiago — (NC) — Spanish Catholics have been urged to aid the faithful of Latin America by Fernando Cardinal Quiroga y Palacios, Archbishop of Santiago de Compostela.

Latin America, the Cardinal said, is faced with the threat of a rapid de-Christianization. Enemies of the Church there, he added, have for some time been waging a "methodical and tenacious campaign."

Birth Control Pills

Singapore — (NC) — Dr. M. Doraisingham, Secretary of the Health Ministry of Singapore, declared that exhaustive inquiries will be made into the effects of so-called birth control pills before permission is granted to test them here.

The statement was made following widespread circulation here of a press report that a woman in Puerto Rico had developed cancer after using an oral contraceptive.

Priest Soothes Deranged Dynamite-Laden Miner

Sudbury, Ontario — (NC) — Father Eugene Jastalski faced death to lead successfully a deranged parishioner from a mine shaft near here after the man rigged as a "human bomb" threatened to blow himself up.

If Steve Slekiera, 38, had detonated the two and a half sticks of dynamite he had strapped to his waist, he would have killed himself and perhaps other workers in the International Nickel Company mine, officials said.

Mine safety experts and others had tried to coax Mr. Slekiera from his post at the mine's 1,200 foot level before Father Jastalski was called to help.

The 45-year-old priest from St. Casimir parish, who served for four years as a Nazi prisoner in the Dachau prison camp, was escorted to Mr. Slekiera's position by the mine's safety superintendent. There, the priest spoke in Polish to the mine worker, himself a Polish immigrant.

"Sieve, how are you? Do you know me?" the priest asked Mr. Slekiera. Then the two shook hands. Father Jastalski kept on talking, asking the miner if he had been to church recently.

"Let's leave this dirty place. You must be hungry," he said. Quietly the man nodded and followed the priest. The pastor continued to talk softly in Polish while other workers unfasted the bomb device.

Mr. Slekiera, who was described as a "quiet and good man," was taken to a hospital for observation. He had been despondent after a woman friend of his died recently.

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