

'Master Stroke'

Prelates Named To Hungary Sees

Vienna — (RNS) — The Budapest Communist government has approved the appointment by Pope John XXIII of apostolic administrators to a vacant Hungarian See and three others where the bishops are "absent," according to Uj Ember, official Catholic newspaper published in Budapest.

Uj Ember said Pope John XXIII had sent the deeds of appointment to Archbishop Jozsef Grosz of Kalocsa, the present acting head of the Bench of Bishops. It said the appointments were made under Canon 316 of the Code of Canon Law which states: "When an apostolic administrator is placed over a diocese while the bishop is still in possession of the See, the bishop's jurisdiction is suspended."

The paper claimed that the appointments were "a master stroke of Vatican diplomacy" that "means a great step forward toward a final Church-State agreement." It said the appointments give a de facto recognition to the authority of the present government.

The vacant See is the Archdiocese of Eger, which has been without an Ordinary since Archbishop Julius Czapik died in the spring of 1957. Prior to his death he had been acting chairman of the Hungarian Bench of Bishops.

Named apostolic administrator there was Msgr. Paul Breznanec, a former assistant to Bishop Stephen Madarasz of Kass, who died in 1948. He is a member of the pro-government "Peace Committee of Catholic Priests."

One of the other Sees is the Archdiocese of Esztergom, belonging to Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who has been in asylum at the American legation in Budapest since the collapse of the October, 1956, uprising during which he was freed from government detention by the insurgent forces.

Appointed administrator of the See was Msgr. Arthur Schwarz-Szenhoffer, who had been acting as Vicar General.

The other two Sees are the

processes of Vas and Veszprem, headed by Bishop Jozsef Petyo and Bishop Bertalan Badalaki, O.F.M., respectively. The Uj Ember announcement stated the bishops were absent from the See for "health reasons" but the Antonio Pontificia office in Vatican yearbook lists them as "impeded" in their office.

Bishop Vincor Kovacs, who was formerly an Auxiliary in Bishop Petyo and Vicar-General of the diocese, was made administrator of the Vac See. Father Alexander Klempa was appointed administrator of the Veszprem diocese. Bishop Kovacs will be 73 on Aug. 9, but the other administrators are in their early thirties.

St. Vincent's Jubilee Set

Philadelphia — (NC) — A committee has been named to plan observance of the 300th anniversary next year of the death of St. Vincent de Paul. The committee was named by Father Sylvester A. Tiggart, C.M., head of the Vincentian Province of the Vincentian Fathers, who has headquarters here.

Father Joseph J. Dirvin, C.M., of St. John's University, Brooklyn, N.Y., will serve as executive secretary of the committee. Father Tiggart is chairman.

Like's Greetings

Providence — (NC) — President Eisenhower sent his personal greetings to Mother Mary Cecelia Reed on the occasion of her 100th birthday.

Mother Reed, a Religious of the Sacred Heart, has been assigned to the convent of the Sacred Heart, Elmhurst, N.I., for the past 40 years. Mother Reed, who has spent 72 years in religious life, taught at Elmhurst



Going Back To China Missions

Maryknoll — (RNS) — Maryknoll Sisters Joan Marie (left), Jane Imelda (center), and Dominic Marie (right) were honored at the 55th annual Maryknoll Mission Departure ceremony prior to leaving for Hong Kong and Formosa. Sister Joan Marie was released from a Chinese Red prison cell in 1952, the same year that Sister Dominic Marie, a registered nurse, was sentenced to death by the Reds. But she was released and arrived in Hong Kong on Jan. 14, 1953, the last of the Maryknoll Sisters to come out of Red China. Sister Jane Imelda, who was never imprisoned, is a veteran of the Red regime, too. A missionary in the Kaying diocese, she was sent out of the interior before the Communists took over the mainland.



Giant Crucifix Rises In Michigan

Indian River, Mich. — (RNS) — Weighing four tons, this 31-foot high bronze figure of Christ is bolted to a 14-ton 55-foot California redwood cross by workmen on scaffolds as the gigantic crucifix is mounted on Calvary Hill overlooking a shrine near Indian River, Mich. Commissioned by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Grand Rapids, Mich., this Christ in the Crucifixion does not wear a crown of thorns. "I wanted to eliminate the suffering and agony of the observer and give the face an expression of great peace and strength," says Sculptor Marshall Fredericks.

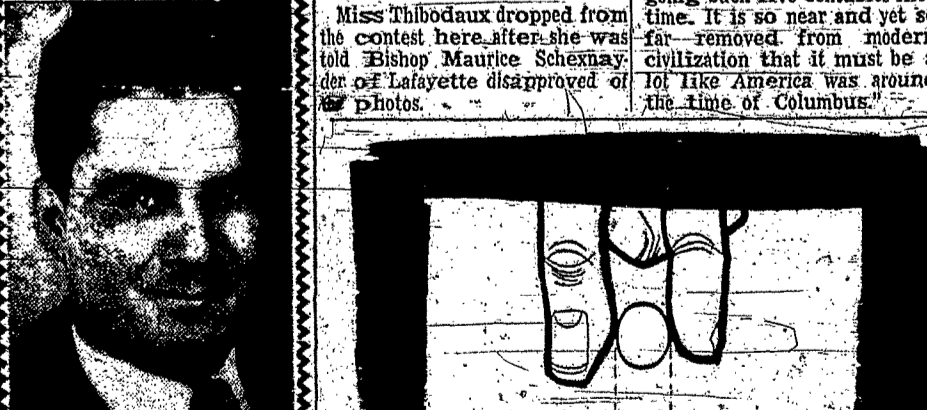
Native Priests Total Increases

Vatican City — (RNS) — The statistics do not include mainland China, North Korea and North Vietnam, all under Communist domination.

Louisianan Drops Out — Lake Providence — (NC) — Mary Alice Kathleen Thibodaux of Jennings, La., has withdrawn from the Louisiana preliminary contest for the "Miss America" pageant after her bishop objected to published photographs of her in a swim suit.

Miss Thibodaux dropped from the contest here after she was told Bishop Maurice Schexnayder of Lafayette disapproved of the photos.

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Coop Prelate Dies Brought Prosperity To Nova Scotia

Antigonish — (RNS) — Msgr. Michael Moses Coody, for many years the guiding spirit behind the great cooperative movement which has changed the economic and social life of Nova Scotia's fishermen and farmers, died here at the age of 77.

An energetic, magnetic figure, the missionary returned in 1922 as director of the extension department of St. Francis Xavier University of Antigonish. This department was responsible for establishing the Antigonish Movement which has become internationally famous in the realm of cooperative philosophy. It has continued to attract students from all over the world.

Msgr. Coody was closely associated with Father Jimmy Tompkins, Nova Scotia's pioneer Catholic cooperativist, who died in 1952 at the age of 82. The Antigonish Movement, or the Xavierian Movement, as Nova Scotians called it, was started to combat the severe economic depression in the Maritimes that followed World War I.

Under Msgr. Coody's leadership, cooperative organizations developed throughout the province until they were doing an annual business that ran into millions of dollars. Meanwhile, the movement developed 4,000 co-op study groups among the 35,000 fishermen, farmers, loggers and miners of Nova Scotia, few of whom were able to read and write.

The movement helped also to promote cooperative stores and production groups among the farmers and fishermen.

A graduate of St. Francis Xavier University, Msgr. Coody was ordained in Rome, where he earned doctorates in philosophy and divinity. One of his earliest achievements was the organization of the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union.

Msgr. Coody was the author of "Masters of Their Own Destiny," a book on the economic development of the Maritimes.

Copts Fear Red Gains In Ethiopia

Addis Ababa — (RNS) — Leaders of the state Coptic Church here view with concern signs of growing cooperation between Ethiopia and the Soviet Union.

They wonder if the new joint trade and economic pact between the two nations may result in a possible change in the Ethiopian government's traditionally pro-Christian outlook.

COPTIC CHURCH authorities recall that Emperor Haile Selassie overcame the attempt of his predecessor to introduce Islam as the state religion and that he has since personally encouraged Christian missionaries to work among the large pagan areas of the ancient kingdom.

But the future status of religion under a treaty with an avowedly atheistic power poses a serious question for the Church.

Expressing apprehension over the agreements made with Russia during the emperor's visit to Moscow earlier this year, Coptic officials noted as significant a comment by the Soviet news agency, Tass, on the negotiations. Tass stated that the emperor and Premier Nikita Khrushchev had "many successful talks on co-operation between the two countries in maintaining world peace and achieving the freedom and independence of the African peoples."

This co-operation is bound to grow, observers feel, under the long-term, low-interest loan of 400,000,000 roubles (about \$100,000,000) granted by the U.S.S.R. and with the continuing trek of Ethiopian students to Moscow, it is reported that since 1933

there has not been a class at Lenin University without at least one Ethiopian enrolled. Observers also point to the heavily-staffed, modern Russian hospital in Addis Ababa.

Africa Sect Members Die

Paris — (RNS) — Thirty-five African members of the Matswanist religious sect died of suffocation or were trampled to death when police tried to evict them from a compound in Brazzaville, capital of the Middle-Congo, according to reports received here. About 100 others were said to have been injured, some seriously.

The sect was founded by a Senegalese Negro sergeant of the French African Army, Alexandre Matswa, who borrowed ceremonial from the Roman Catholic Church.

The sect had long been tolerated as an eccentric group, but last June it decided to begin a civil disobedience campaign, refuse to pay taxes and ignore government decrees. Matswa died in a French prison in 1942, but his followers claim he will return to drive the white man from Africa.

Divided See

Titular Bishop Adolf Boite, 57, named Bishop of Fulda, Germany, by Pope John XXIII, was consecrated in Fulda Cathedral Aug. 2. Formerly Auxiliary to Bishop Johannes Baptist Dietz, Bishop Boite succeeds the 89-year-old prelate who resigned from the See last October for health reasons. He is widely known for having devoted himself to the pastoral care of the diocese's Soviet-zone parishes. (RNS Rhod)

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