

Russians Invade Vatican City

Vatican City — (RNS) — For the second time in five months, Vatican City was "invaded" by Russians.

Divided into groups of 50 or 60, each with a guide, 400 Soviet citizens were shown over the Vatican museums, where some of the world's greatest art treasures are preserved.

They also saw the Sistine Chapel, the principal chapel of the Vatican Palace, where the chief papal observances, except those of a more public nature, take place and where Pope John XXIII was elected by the College of Cardinals in October last year.

Apparently impressed by what they saw, the Russian group had arrived in Naples the day before aboard the Soviet ship Pobeda.

Last May, a similar number of Russian tourists spent some time inspecting the Vatican museums and watching pilgrims in St. Peter's Basilica.

Late in 1937, a special Russian-language guide was printed by Vatican authorities to help Soviet visitors here understand what they see. The booklet, it was explained, had been prepared in view of the increasing numbers of Russians visiting Italy and the Holy See.

GOD LOVE YOU!

By MOST REV. FULTON J. SHEEN

Last Sunday was Mission Sunday. This Sunday is Gratitude Sunday. Last week we pleaded for sacrifices; this week we thank you. The two go together. Our Lord at the Last Supper offered the Sacrifice of His Life. The Gospel tells us "He gave thanks." Why should He in the Hour of His Crucifixion give thanks? Would an ordinary man innocently going to a scaffold thank God? Hardly! Because it would be the end of his life. But for Our Lord, His Sacrifice would be not the end of His life, but the beginning of His Kingdom on earth. Hence sacrifice and thanksgiving go together as they do in the Eucharist. "It is through Him, then that we must offer to God a continual sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips that give thanks to His Name. (Hebrews 13/15)

Thanks then for denying yourself that the Missions in our land and in every area of the earth might be aided; Thanks for responding to the summons of the Holy Father through his Society for the Propagation of the Faith; Thanks for the lepers who will have nothing because you gave up the price of a cocktail. Thanks for the two million refugees in Hong Kong because you denied yourself the equivalent of a price of cigarettes. Thanks for the seminarians in Africa who through your mortification of a day's wage can now find room in a seminary. Thanks for being grateful for your Faith by making it possible for a priest who has 27 villages under instruction to build a chapel. Thanks for acknowledging that whatever you have is held in trust for God and that by sharing it with the poor you testify to your undeserved blessings. Thanks for being Catholic by remembering the rest of the world one third of whose people go to bed hungry every night.

A God Love You of thanks to each of you who in your giving wish to remain hidden that God may store up heaven as your reward. Thanks even to those who do not give, for by reading this column you know that the Society of the Propagation of the Faith is the Holy Father's own mission Society and all the sacrifices we receive go to him who serves all missionaries in all places. Thanks in a word for being Eucharistic, for you have combined sacrifice with gratitude to God.

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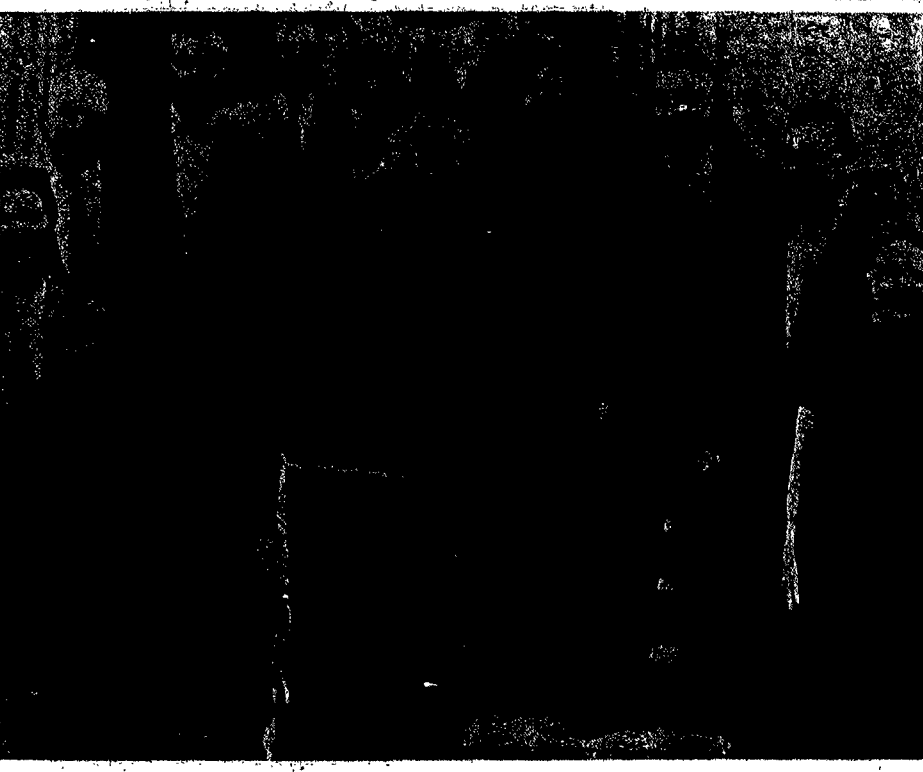
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Father Of 9 A Brother At 69

Eureka, Mo. — (RNS) — Surrounded by his nine children, Arnold Schaumer, now Brother Joachim, poses proudly after being invested as a Franciscan missionary Brother at the age of 69. His children, all adults, (left to right) are: Mrs. Marcella Long, Potosi, Mo.; Ivo and Howard Schaumer, Perryville, Mo.; Melvin Schaumer, Poland, O.; Sister Alberta, Dallas, Tex.; Mrs. Sylvia Rhinehart, St. Genevieve, Mo.; Hilary Schaumer, Berkeley, Mo.; David Schaumer, Springfield, Ill.; and Mrs. Roberta Markey, Highland Park, Ill. Many of Brother Joachim's 34 grandchildren also were present.

Kremlin Fears Germany

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

Chicago — Success of progressive disarmament depends upon a realistic demonstration to Russia that Germany intends to dissociate itself from exercising its power in terms of force, an expert on modern German affairs asserted here.

Dr. George N. Shuster, president of Hunter College, New York, delivered the opening address in the "Distinguished Professor" lecture series of Loyola University here. Dr. Shuster served as land commissioner in Bavaria, Germany, following World War II and is a former State Department foreign affairs adviser. He is the author of several books on modern German history.

"There can be no denying the (German) power," Dr. Shuster said. "A fairly fortunate geographical situation, a system of intellectual training characterized by discipline and the ability to cover the gamut between the practical arts to austere scholarly contemplation, plus a highly skilled, industrious labor force, all provide Germany today with strength."

Stalin confidently believed that western Europe would come under his control through the collapse of the capitalist economy and by U.S. withdrawal of its commitments in Europe, Dr. Shuster said.

"The first was an error," he continued. "The second might have been the case had the Russians pursued a less arrogant and vengeful policy in lands they overran."

The Soviets keep their zone of Germany subject for two reasons, Dr. Shuster said. He explained: "They do not want a strong Germany capable of transforming power into force; secondly, they view with disapproval the role played by a powerful Germany in the reconstruction of Europe as a prosperous social economy growing more and more impervious to communist or communist propaganda."

Dr. Shuster suggested the achievement of a balance of power in the world based upon the achievement of European strength as a means to remove the threat of conquest and provide a basis on which progressive disarmament is possible.

"For the time being this is still a far-off possibility," he said. "For the present, only the continuing active support of the European coalition by the United States can prevent the formation of a power vacuum which, as the Berlin crisis demonstrated, is the greatest peril to peace."

Scholars Visit Holy Land

Jerusalem — (RNS) — A delegation of British Catholics arrived here for a 12-day visit to Israel as guests of the Israeli Society for Biblical Research.

The delegation came here with the approval of William Cardinal Godfrey, Archbishop of Westminster. It included Msgr. John M. T. Barton, a member of the Pontifical Commission for Biblical Studies; and Don Bernard Richard, O.S.B., and Father Reginald Fuller, chairman and secretary, respectively, of the Catholic Bible Association, whose headquarters are in London.

Colleges Advised To Teach Religion

Columbia — (RNS) — The time is ripe for giving serious consideration to religion as one of the major areas of intellectual and moral study in public universities, Dr. Lewis Webster Jones, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, declared here.

Dr. Jones spoke at the dedication of the University of Missouri's A. P. Gruen chapel — first building for exclusive religious use on the institution's campus.

In a speech entitled "Religion on a State University Campus," he said the public university has an obligation to lead, and should take the risks involved in seeking public support of such a program, however controversial the charges might at first appear.

The former president of Rutgers and Arkansas Universities said that "a student who goes through four years of college without seeking answers to the problems of ultimate concern has missed an essential element in his education."

"If he graduates with no knowledge of the history and religious tradition of Judaism, Christianity," the NCCJ head said, "he cannot understand the Western civilization of which he ought to be a responsible member. If he knows nothing of the religions of the East, he cannot function in his modern role as a citizen of a great country which must assume a leading part in the task of building peace in a pluralistic world."

"Yet," Dr. Jones said, "religion as a field of study on a par with history, literature, or the social and natural sciences hardly exists in our public universities or indeed in most of the larger private ones."

"The principle of the separation of Church and State has been misunderstood," he said, "and interpreted as a total hands-off requirement between religion and public education. It is true that the schools, because attendance is compulsory, must scrupulously avoid any program which violates the religious freedom of any pupil."

"But the case of the colleges is quite different. Attendance is voluntary, and there is a choice of subjects to be studied. Compulsion or pressure for any creed would of course be illegitimate, and inconsistent with the purposes of liberal institutions. But no constitutional barrier stands in the way of giving

Lunch Tax In Alabama Hits Pupils

Birmingham — (NC) — Alabama's archbishop and a diocesan school official have protested as discriminatory a state sales tax of three per cent on lunches served in nonpublic schools and on purchases by these schools themselves.

Archbishop Thomas J. Toole, Bishop of Mobile-Birmingham, called upon Catholic parents to join opposition to the tax, and Father William R. James, assistant superintendent of schools, appealed to Gov. John M. Patterson for assistance in gaining relief from the levy.

Last summer, the state legislature passed a general sales tax largely to benefit public schools. The legislators intended that all schools be subject to the tax, but state attorney McDonald Gallion later held that public schools were exempt from the state government and as such were exempt. He said other schools were not exempt. In his letter to Gov. Patterson, appealing for the state executive's "immediate attention to this blatant injustice," Father James the assistant superintendent of schools, charged that it is illogical to tax some school children to aid other school children.

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