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Worker's Friend
Fr. Kolping Nears Sainthood
Cologne — (RNS) — An important step in the beatification cause of Father Adolf Kolping, founder of the Kolping Society, an international Catholic workingmen's movement with nearly 500,000 members, was taken here when his body was disinterred from the vault of the Minorite Church and examined by high-ranking Church officials.
After the examination, the remains were placed in a new oak-wood coffin made by members of the Cologne Kolping Society.
Carried out upon orders of the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome, the exhumation was conducted in the presence also of Father Ansgar Falter of Rome, postulator of the beatification process. First major step toward beatification, the informative process was begun in 1954 and completed a few years ago.
It was expected that more than 40,000 Kolping members from all parts of the world would come to Cologne in pilgrimage groups to pay tribute to the "father of Catholic journeymen," as Adolf Kolping is often called, and to pray for his beatification.
Members of the groups, it was announced, would hold a continuous vigil at the coffin. Eighteen banners symbolizing the countries in which Kolping groups exist were set up near the coffin, five of them draped with black mourning cloth. They were the flags of the Communist countries of Poland, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Hungary.
Born at Kerper, near here, in 1813, Father Kolping learned the shoemaker's trade and later entered the seminary. He was ordained in 1838. Four years later he founded the Catholic Journeymen's Association in Elberfeld with an initial membership of seven journeymen. Within a few years, local groups of his organization were founded in many other German centers. Aim of the organization was to educate young men to be good Christians, competent craftsmen and responsible citizens carrying the principles of Christianity into professional family and social life.
The association, which soon became known as the Kolping Society, has since branched out to include the United States and other countries. In Germany alone, the Society has over 150,000 members. Father Kolping died in Cologne on Dec. 4, 1865.

C.D.A. Card Party Planned
RECORDING TICKET reservations for Court St. Rita Catholic Daughters of America card party in club rooms, Elmira, Tuesday evening, April 26 are: (from left) Mrs. James H. Brown, grand regent; Mrs. Emil Segur, chairman; Mrs. William Margraff, co-chairman; Mrs. Edward J. Widman, tickets. Other aides are: Mrs. T. A. Doran, Miss Sara Coughlin, Miss Eleanor McMahon, Mrs. Jean Mihlen, Mrs. Mary Nichols, Mrs. Theodore Novakowski, Mrs. George Pettie, Miss Helen Osovski, Miss Mary Newsome, Mrs. John Nelson, Mrs. Prudence McMahon, Mrs. Donald O'Buckley, Mrs. Frederick Pezko and Miss Frances Fadden.

Portugal
More Religion Classes Asked
By SUSAN LOWNDES MARQUES
Lisbon — (NC) — The Bishops of Portugal are conferring with the national Department of Education to bring more religious instruction into public primary schools.
At present the public schools teach religion 40 minutes weekly, in accordance with a 1940 concordat between Portugal and the Holy See. Since almost all schools in Portugal are run by the government, these negotiations for more instruction in religion are expected to have a profound impact on the religious life of the nation.
PRIMARY EDUCATION IN

Saint Shrine To Be Studied
Venice — (NC) — For the first time in 500 years the famous gold altarpiece of St. Mark's basilica here is being taken apart for scientific examination.
The altarpiece is considered one of the most magnificent examples of goldsmiths' work produced in the Middle Ages. It was ordered in 976 and made in Constantinople by Byzantine goldsmiths. But it was enlarged in the 13th and 14th centuries by other goldsmiths.
It consists of thousands of gems, enamels, and small statues in gold and silver.

Crucifixion Scene Burns
Einsiedeln — (RNS) — A raging fire, which lasted for 30 minutes, totally destroyed the "Passion of the Crucifixion" in a special building near the famous Benedictine Abbey of Einsiedeln.
Visited by thousands of pilgrims annually, the panorama contained an impressive series of pictures and sculptures depicting Christ's crucifixion. It was assembled in 1883 on the initiative of American painter William Leigh who, with Austrian artist Josef Krieger and German architect Karl Froeh, worked three years to complete the project after carrying out extensive studies in the Holy Land.
The fire was believed caused by a blowlamp left lighted during a lunch hour by a workman engaged in repairs.

State Aid OK For Holy Days
Albany — (RNS) — Public schools may exclude religious holidays in figuring attendance for state aid purposes, under legislation approved by Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller.
The religious holidays provision was part of a four-bill package increasing aid to education by a record \$99,000,000 in the next school year.
Under the program, average daily attendance — an important factor in computing state aid — will no longer be affected by religious holidays.

Passion Play In Holland
Tegelen — (NC) — All 500 inhabitants of this village in southern Holland are taking part in this year's Passion play, which is presented every five years.
More than 150,000 spectators are expected at the performances, which begin May 28. Some of the scheduled 50 performances have already been sold out.

Evolution Poses No Conflict

Boston — (NC) — A biology professor has contended there is no conflict between Catholic doctrine and the theory of evolution held by scientists today.
Dr. Vincent Dethier, biology professor at the University of Pennsylvania, delivered the 1959 Cardinal Newman Lecture before the Catholic Club of Harvard University.
"Speaking on 'Evolution and the Church,' he said that evolution was not a new idea when Darwin published his famous 'Origin of Species' 100 years ago. Elements of evolutionary theory can be found in the works of many scientists before Darwin and in philosophy as far back as the sixth century before Christ, he said.
Even the creation myths of primitive peoples usually assume some sort of evolutionary activity under the guidance of a creator, he observed. He said such myths usually speak of the world as:
• Being formed from pre-existing matter,
• Undergoing gradual change over a long period of time,
• Moving from imperfect to progressively more perfect forms, or
• Beginning in chaos and ending with the creation of man.
The early Fathers of the Church also considered problems related to the question of evolution, he observed. Some of them believed that creation was instantaneous, while others held that it was a gradual process under the supervision of God, Dr. Dethier said.
"All the ideas necessary for a workable theory of evolution can be found scattered among the writings of the Fathers of the Church," he added.
HE SAID Darwin's theory attracted more attention than earlier thinking on evolution for

several reasons: It did not rely on previous theories but was based on personal observation; it introduced the new idea that even after a species is formed it can still be subject to further change; it also fitted into the spirit of its time by raising the idea of "progress" to the status of a natural law.
"The Church never took a formal position for or against Darwin's biological theories, though many individual Catholics opposed them bitterly," Dr. Dethier observed.
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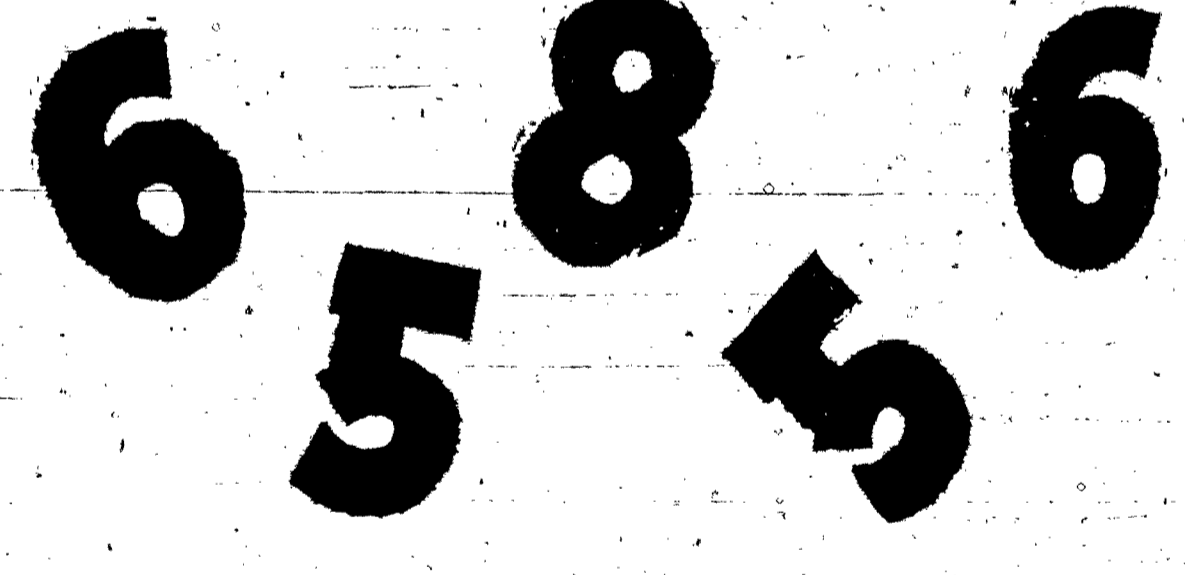
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