

Priests Visit Jews Aided During War

Jerusalem — (RNS) — A moving reunion took place here between two middle-aged Italian Catholic priests and a group of Jewish refugees from Nazi persecution whose lives they saved during the war at the risk of their own.

The meeting occurred when Fathers Giovanni Simionni and Angelo Delatorre of Trioto, near Venice, entered Jerusalem's New City after having visited the Holy Places in Jordan, and were greeted by their grateful proteges.

Memories were exchanged of the time when the group of Jews, who had escaped into Italy from Germany and Nazi-occupied France, were befriended in 1943 by the two priests and given shelter in a local monastery.

The priests, in turn, expressed gratitude to their Jewish friends who had contributed from their modest means to enable them to come and visit the Holy Places.

Austria Teachers Ask School Aid

Graz — (RNS) — The 14th Assembly of the Austrian Catholic Teachers' Association unanimously adopted a resolution calling for grants of public funds to all denominational schools.

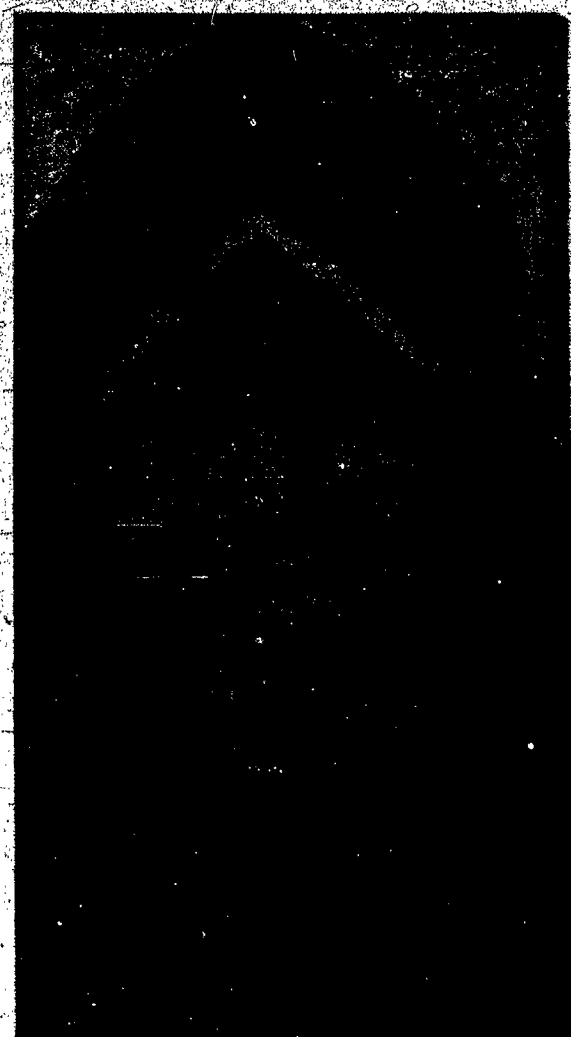
Earlier, Austrian Federal Minister of Education Dr. Heinrich Drimmel, an assembly speaker, had complained of the "injustice of the present situation where educational institutions which more effectively than any other prepare youth for citizenship and useful contributions to the well-being of the State are deprived of the financial aid which they really need."

DR. DRIMMEL pointed out that half of the teachers in the Austrian public school system had been educated in Catholic teacher training schools.

Austrian Chancellor Dr. Julius Rabb, the assembly's keynote speaker, charged that secularized education had "disrupted" the integration of religion and moral education.

"Only in the religious school, or where classes are taught by teachers who are themselves firm in their belief, can the younger generation be guided to moral maturity," Dr. Rabb declared. "In our nation it is the Catholic teacher who must set a living example of Christian principles in action. No Catholic teacher must shirk this responsibility."

Former Austrian Chancellor Dr. Kurt Schuschnigg warned the teachers that "freedom of conscience must not be confused



LeCorbusier

UN Architect Designs Monastery

New York — (RNS) — The new French Dominican monastery of La Tourette designed by the famous European architect, Charles Le Corbusier, is described in the current issue of a leading American architectural journal as "a work of art, possibly its creator's greatest masterpiece."

Architectural Record magazine, in the first professional article on the monastery published in this country, said Le Corbusier's architecture was in keeping with Dominican thought and appropriate to the daily life the monks share together.

The architect, whose designs have had a great influence on international architecture, was one of ten consultants who prepared the general plan for the United Nations headquarters here.

He was commissioned to design the monastery mainly through the efforts of the late Father Pierre Couturier, a Dominican priest and publisher of the controversial magazine "Art Sacre." Father Couturier also was instrumental in causing several of France's leading artists, among them Matisse, Braque and Leger, to be selected for work in French churches.

The monastery of La Tourette, rectangular in shape with an inner court, stands on a wooded hillside near Lyon. The sloping site made the traditional monastery cloister plan impossible, and required a tightly organized structure of several stories on different levels.

Corridors extend around three sides of the inner court and give access to the 120 cells which occupy the upper two floors. Each cell looks outward and has its own balcony. Below the cells are the various communal rooms.

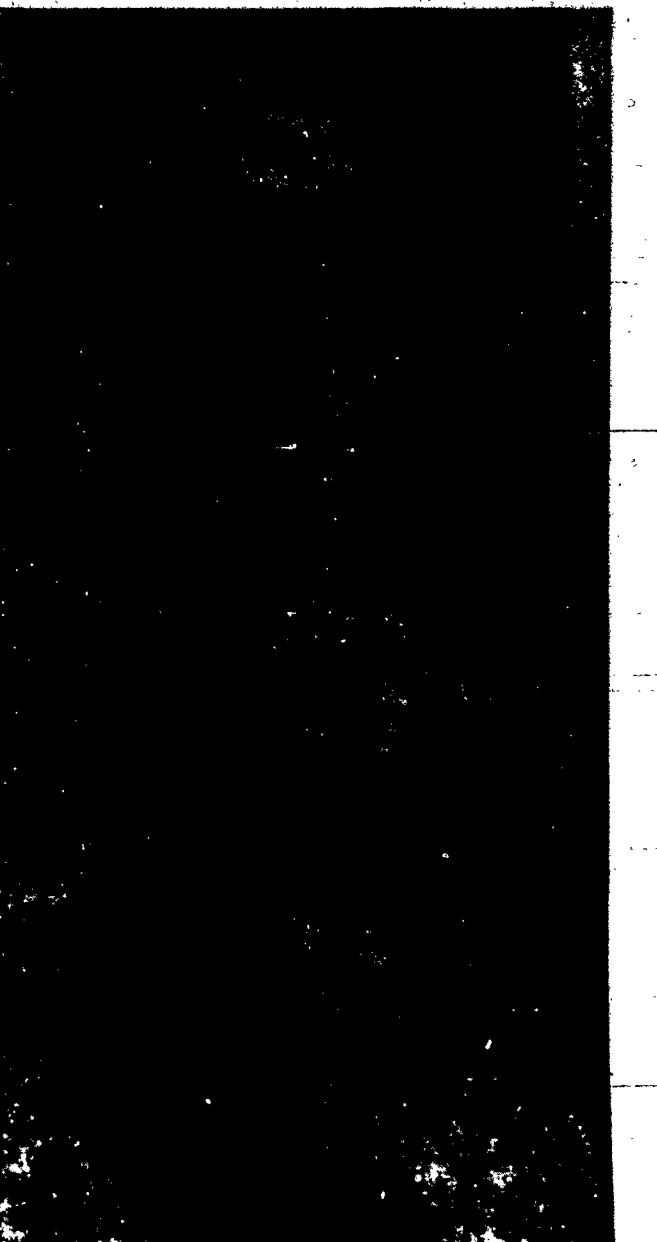
The roof of the monastery has been planted with grass, an old rural custom which waterproofs the structure and provides a promenade for the monks in the absence of a cloister.

Le Corbusier, who uses painting and sculpture sparingly, is one in spirit with the Dominican Order which forbids superfluous decoration. Painting and sculpture are considered by the monks to be contrary to their rule, and of the arts, only architecture is sanctioned.

Since Dominican poverty is a fact as well as a way of life, the monastery had to be built cheaply. At La Tourette, reinforced concrete construction, unfinished except for a thick rough coating on occasional surfaces is a part of the language of austerity.

At La Tourette, it declared, "his spaces which belong to communal life are noble, those which belong to the individual are as small, compact, and austere as possible."

The article noted that a masterpiece of Le Corbusier's work has been "the expression of the individual cell within the collective complex, as well as the assertion of the separate collective complex character."



First Negro Maryknoller

Philadelphia — (RNS) — Sister Martia Corde, a convert to Catholicism, is the first Negro to be professed as a Maryknoll Sister. A native of Philadelphia, she is the daughter of a Baptist family. She entered the Maryknoll order in 1956 and left recently for her first foreign assignment, which was to Tanganyika, British East Africa.

Too Much Togetherness

Thienville, Wis. — (RNS) — An international conference of conservative Lutheran theologians here heard a charge that exponents of the ecumenical (church co-operation) movement are more concerned with social and political problems than with the doctrinal and organizational differences of the participating denominations.

The allegation was made by the Rev. George O. Lillegard, a professor at Bethany College, Mankato, Minn.

Bethany College is an institution of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod, a member of the Lutheran Synodical Conference of North America which opposes close ties with other Churches not in doctrinal agreement.

"It is a demonstration of the superficiality and shallowness of modern man in religious matters," Prof. Lillegard said, "that so many people want to ignore all differences between the Churches and unite them at whatever cost on the muddiest and vaguest creed — or lack of it — that can be concocted."

"The only unity that counts in the Christian Church is the unity of the faith, which it is the first duty of the Church to maintain, defend and propagate."

The ecumenical movement, Prof. Lillegard continued, seeks to bring the entire Christian Church under control without regard for differences in doctrine or organization of the religious groups.

Plea Made For Charity

Castelgandolfo — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has told representatives of Catholic charities organizations of 43 nations that they must carry out their work on a worldwide scale.

Speaking in French, the Pope addressed delegates to the general assembly of the International Conference of Catholic Charities, meeting in Rome.

Among the delegates was Msgr. John O'Grady, secretary of the National Conference of Catholic Charities of the U.S.

The Pope said that a climate must be created among Catholics in which each person is a living example of Christian principles in action. No Catholic teacher must shirk this responsibility.

"It is also a question," he said, "of re-establishing a real concept of charity and of honoring again the humble work of the Virgin Islands, Latin America."

Puerto Rico Archdiocese

San Juan — (NC) — Pope John XXIII has elevated Bishop James Peter Davis of San Juan, P.R., to the rank of Archbishop and raised his See to an archdiocese.

The Pope also made San Juan the metropolitan See of Puerto Rico. He established the new Puerto Rican Diocese of Archdiocese and the new Prelature of Nubia of the Virgin Islands, Latin America.

Red Stains On Church Doors

Caracas — (RNS) — Doors of the Metropolitan Cathedral in Caracas, Venezuela, are stained with the juice of tomatoes thrown against them during a battle between pro and anti-Castro groups on the anniversary of the "26th of July" movement.



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