

AROUND THE COUNTRY



Julie in a Happier Day

Julie Cherie Rodriguez, a 2-year-old from Pueblo, Colo., has lived for a year with a transplanted liver. No one has lived longer following the delicate surgery, but the attainment of the milestone on July 23 was tempered by word that cancer, which destroyed her own liver, has reappeared elsewhere and will take her life. Photo of Julie with her much-autographed stuffed dog was taken three weeks before the anniversary date of her transplant and before she returned to the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver. (RNS Photo)

St. John's Aids Negro Students

New York (NC)—St. John's University has announced the award of 10 full-tuition, four-year scholarships to Negro students, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Father Joseph T. Cahill, C.M., St. John's president, said the memorial scholarships would be granted each year. Nine students from New York City and one from Washington, D.C., were selected to receive the first scholarships this fall.

Nurses Vote To Continue Council

Denver (NC)—Mrs. Philip J. McHugh of Detroit has been elected president of the National Council of Catholic Nurses.

At its 14th biennial convention, the council voted to remain in existence despite financial difficulties and declining membership.

The action was taken in the wake of a hard-hitting report from Dorothy Kelly, NCCN executive director of the Catholic Nurse magazine.

"We have failed," Miss Kelly said "to use our councils as vehicles to help Catholic nurses to mature into Christian professional women, to make our voice heard on the side of social justice and charity."

Miss Kelly named two examples of "a crying need among Catholics"—sex education and attitudes toward social justice in Catholic institutions.

Church and State

Portland, Ore. (NC)—Eight seminarians of the Portland archdiocese are expected to enroll as regular students at Portland State College and the University of Portland this fall, living in community off campus.

Theology and scholastic philosophy will be taught at the house of studies.

Ukrainian Cardinal Was Soviet Prisoner 18 Years

By FATHER JOHN P. FOLEY (NC News Service)

Philadelphia — "Thirty-seven times I was condemned to death by the Bolsheviks and the nervous anticipation of my execution was at times so great that, when I put my hand to my head, my hair came out in tufts."

That is how exiled Joseph Cardinal Slippy, of Lvov in the Ukraine described some of his most difficult experiences during his 18 years as a prisoner in the Soviet Union.

Speaking in Ukrainian, Polish, Italian and English, the tall, robust, 76-year-old prelate related his imprisonment and forced labor experiences.

In the United States for a month during a world tour to visit centers of Ukrainian Catholic population, Cardinal Slippy also will visit the Ukrainian-rite dioceses of Chicago and Stamford, Conn. Before leaving (Aug. 16) for Bogota, Colombia, for the International Eucharistic Congress. From South America, Cardinal Slippy will travel to Australia on his way back to Rome, where he has made his home at the Vatican since his release from a Soviet prison in February 1963.

Cardinal Slippy, the leading prelate and spiritual father of all Ukrainian Catholics in the world originally intended to visit Ukrainians of the Rochester Diocese during the week of August 4. Stops on an upstate tour had been planned for Auburn and Elmira. But travel changes this week caused cancellation of his New York State trip.

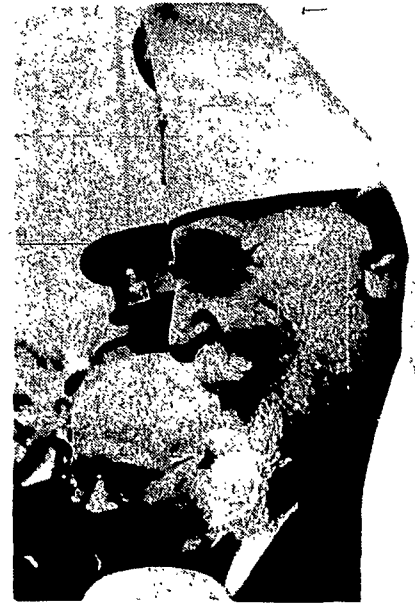
Parishioners of the four Ukrainian parishes in the diocese: St. Peter and Paul in Auburn; St. Joseph, Rochester; St. Nicholas, Elmira Heights; and Christ the King in Bath.

from cutting down trees to cleaning latrines. He noted that he was often shown consideration by fellow prisoners but never by camp officials.

Although he was not taken prisoner until April 11, 1945, Cardinal Slippy said he had been warned as early as 1937 that, if the Communists came to control all of the Ukraine (then divided between Poland and the USSR), he would be arrested. (His See city of Lvov was part of Poland until World War II).

In speaking of his prison experiences, Cardinal Slippy showed no resentment. Instead, he smiled and tried to change the subject with a joke or with a comment on some other topic. In his public utterances, he rarely mentions the past; but it is the past about which his fellow Ukrainian Catholics know which leads them to listen to him speak about the future.

Almost 3,000 met the cardinal at Philadelphia International Airport (July 20) when his plane arrived from



JOSEPH CARDINAL SLIPPY

Montreal. Archbishop Ambrose Senyshyn of the Ukrainian Catholic archdiocese of Philadelphia and spiritual leader of all Byzantine-rite Ukrainian Catholics in the United States welcomed him.

Speaking in English at the airport, the cardinal said:

"Today, our prayer ascends to God for the abiding blessing of the Ukrainian Catholic Church for the Ukrainian people. We pray that the Ukrainians living in the United States may remain forever in closest relationship with Mother Ukraine and, loyal in their allegiance to this republic even to the sacrifice of blood and wealth may they praise her name throughout the entire world for the honor and glory of God, Christ's Church, the Ukrainian people and for the good of the mighty land of George Washington."

While conditions in the Soviet prisons were harsh—the cardinal recalled about 100 major illnesses during his confinement in prisons and labor camps, including camps in Siberia—he said that he was able to offer Mass every day.

Since he knew the prayers of the Divine Liturgy by heart, he needed only a small piece of bread and few drops of "medicine" in a tin cup to offer Mass without being noticed.

He was often confined with as many as 30 other prisoners and had to sleep on his side in the cramped quarters. He was moved periodically from one prison to another—about every six months—presumably so that he would not be able to become friendly with the guards or with other prisoners. When he was taken to be moved, he noted, he never knew whether the time had come for his execution.

While in prison, he shared with the other prisoners in all work tasks—

Heaven Credible; Hell Not, To Many Polled in Europe

London (RNS) — Most Europeans believe in heaven but not in hell, according to a survey of opinion in 10 countries conducted by The Sunday Telegraph by Gallup International.

Among the nations surveyed, Sweden showed the least attachment to traditional religious beliefs. Only 17 per cent expressed belief in hell, only 60 per cent in God.

At the other extreme, 82 per cent of the Greeks surveyed said they believed in hell and 96 per cent believed in God. In every country surveyed, a majority said that morals are getting worse.

Among Roman Catholics polled, 90 per cent believed in God, 56 per cent in hell.

The Telegraph, in its copy-righted report, listed the following as the "main conclusions" of the survey:

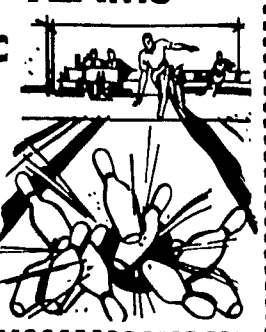
- "1. Religious beliefs are declining;
- 2. Morals have also slumped;
- "3. Honesty is on the wane;
- "4. Happiness is becoming increasingly hard to find;
- "5. Peace of mind is rare;
- "On the other hand, most people still believe in God and feel that standards of intelligence, knowledge and health are improving."

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The center, at St. Joseph's Hall in Brooklyn's Bedford-Stuyvesant section is scheduled to open in September. It will serve the area on a non-denominational basis.

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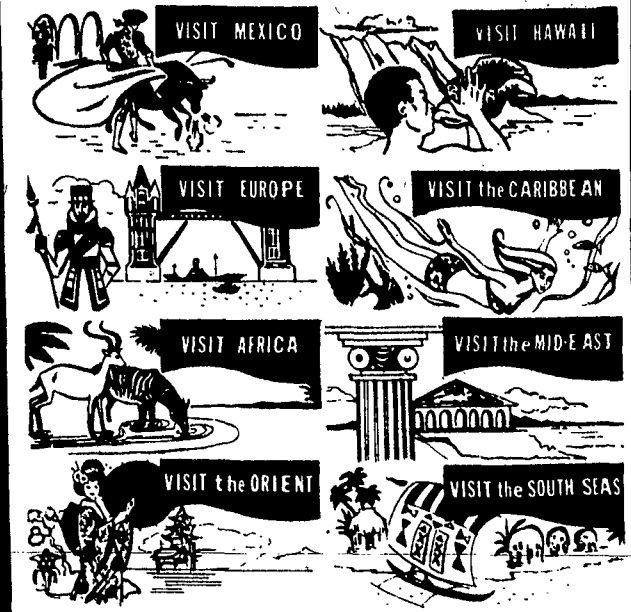
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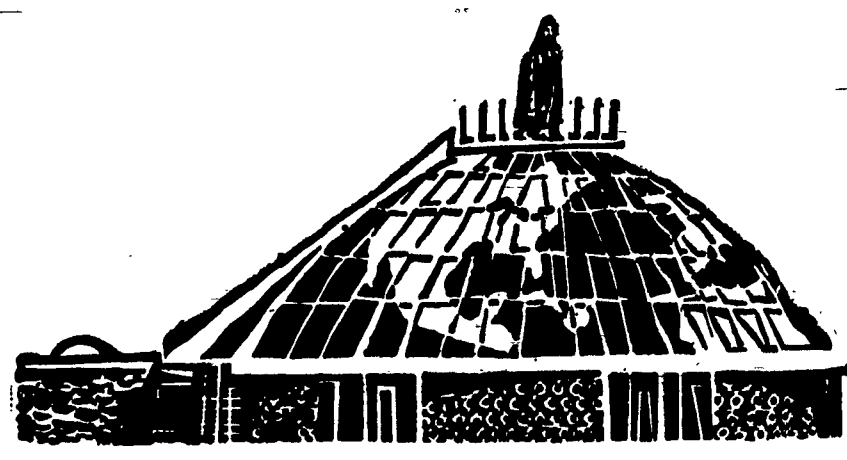
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