

Fr. Hammann Notes 50 Years in Order

Canandaigua — Father Carl Hammann, CSSR, who spent 40 years in Puerto Rico designing, engineering and building while he preached the Word of God, recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of his profession as a Redemptorist.

The missionary, now 70, has been vice rector of the Notre Dame Retreat House for the past two years. Redemptorists from all over the Northeast assembled here for the Golden Jubilee. The homily at a celebrated Mass was preached by Bishop James McManus, CSSR, an auxiliary in the New York Archdiocese who held the See of Ponce during many of the years Father Hammann spent there.

Father Hammann was ordained in 1924 and was in Puerto Rico from 1926 until 1966. In his homily, Bishop McManus related how his own "dreams came true" through the skill and scientific knowledge of his colleague. The priest, he said, directed the building of the University of Santa Maria in Ponce, beginning with a four-room hall and adding library, laboratories, dormitories and classrooms as funds permitted. The campus radio-tower is Father Hammann's own handiwork, and the station was programmed and kept on the air 14 hours a day by its designer, Bishop McManus reported.

Earlier, the young missionary had put his talents to work repairing cars and generators and rebuilding after cyclone damage, and he had done all of the electrical work in the then-new cathedral in Caguas.

Father Hammann's relatives who came for the celebration included two sisters who belong to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sister Charles of Westminster, Md., and Sister Loretta of Camden, N.J. Also present were his sister Bertha and sister-in-law Magdalen Hammann, both of Baltimore, his native city.



FATHER HAMMANN

Archbishop Defends Conscientious Objection

By JOHN DASH

Archbishop Thomas Roberts, S.J., retired bishop of Bombay, India, and self-styled "ecclesiastical Bertrand Russell," addressed more than 200 religious and laymen, Monday night, Oct. 27, at Nazareth College Arts Center.

Archbishop Roberts' theme was "Conscientious Objection."

The 77-year-old prelate, here on a speaking tour from his residence in England, developed his theme historically, from the 1916 conscription laws in Eng-

land to present day draft laws in the U.S.

He dwelt at length on two conscientious objectors and their struggles for recognition of their positions. He drew out his pectoral cross and claimed it contained the bones of an "uncanonized martyr," Francis Jagerstrader.

"Francis," he said, "was an Austrian peasant who objected to Nazi conscription, and, forsaken by both his friends and his Catholic Church, was beheaded for his refusal to commit murder."

The second conscientious objector the Archbishop spoke of was Patrick Farren, who went on trial Tuesday for refusing to be drafted.

Prior to his appearance at Nazareth, the Archbishop was principal concelebrant at a Mass for peace at Notre Dame University, Oct. 15, during which six men destroyed their draft cards.

The Archbishop is best known in the U.S. as the author of "The Black Popes" and for his membership on the "World Amnesty Council" which is presently lobbying in the United Nations to have conscientious objection declared by that body as a "universal human right." He is also the author of the chapter on modern warfare and conscientious objection in the Vatican II Council's "Declaration on the Modern World."



Chaplain Transferred

Father John A. Widman of the Rochester Diocese, Navy Chaplain Corps Commander in Guam, is being transferred to Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune in North Carolina. He will report Dec. 11 to this largest Marine Corps Base on east coast to assume duties as Senior Catholic Chaplain. He will be in Rochester for a few days before reporting to Lejeune.

State Recognition Asked for Role of Non-Public Schools

Baltimore (RNS) — The Catholic bishops in Maryland have called on the state to recognize "the multiple contributions being made by non-public education and its desperate need for financial assistance."

In a statement signed by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan of Baltimore, Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle of Washington, and Bishop Thomas J. Maduga of Wilmington, Del., the prelates stressed that the "continued existence of non-public schools is necessary for the good of education as a whole."

Noting that the continuance of the parochial schools "requires a new source of substantial revenue," the Catholic leaders' statement declared:

"We have reached the limit of available private resources and, therefore, welcome the governor's recognition of the urgency of the problem and his appointment of a commission which recently began public hearings on the question of state financial assistance to non-profit, non-public schools."

Cancer Money To Be Raised By Magic

Tonight — when the sky is filled with witches and the cry of "Trick or treat" goes up, a local man of magic will be suspended by his ankles from a 180-foot crane, wrestling himself out of a strait jacket in seconds.

The magician, Dante, will put on this performance at 7:30 outside of McCurdy's new store on West Ridge, at Long Pond. He hopes to better Houdini's escape record of 80 seconds, and also to publicize a fund raiser for the Monroe County unit of the American Cancer Society.

The latter show "The Sorcerers," is scheduled for 2:30 and 8:30 p.m. tomorrow, Nov. 1, at the Eastman Theatre. Tickets will be available at the door and also at Daw Drug stores.

Magicians listed are Duke Stern of Colon, Michigan; George and Shirley, and Tazzi, from Ohio; Robbie, of Buffalo, and George Becker and Burritt and Edelman, New Yorkers. They will take part in the advertising preview in Greece tonight, at 7.

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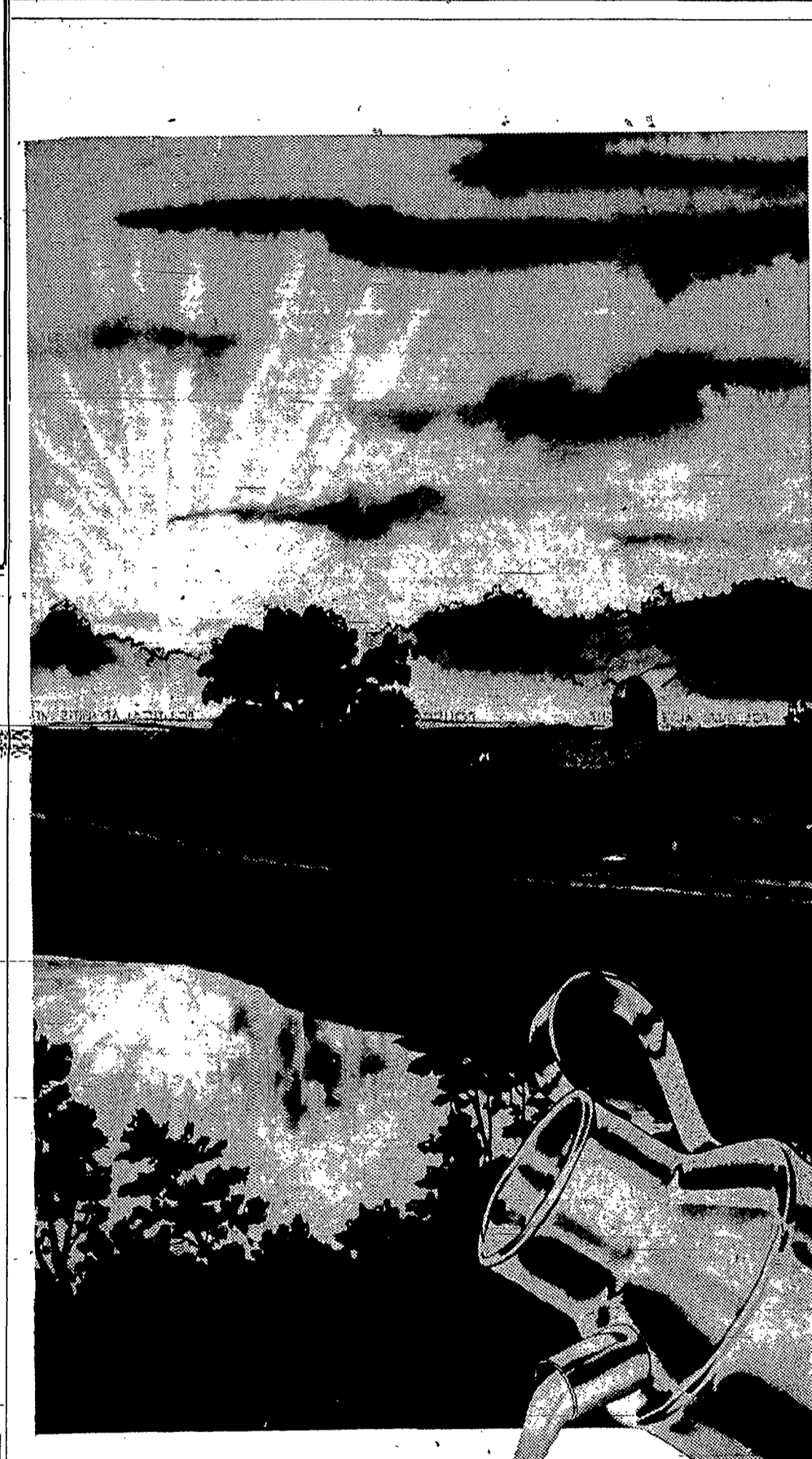
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