

Bormann's Son Feels Father Is Dead

Rome (RNS)—The son of former Nazi Deputy Fuehrer Martin Bormann, has felt since his teens that "My father is supposed to be dead and that's all I know about it."

Members of a Catholic missionary order to which Martin Adolf Bormann Jr., belonged until leaving the priesthood in June 1971, said the former priest generally "preferred not speak about his father."

Officials of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart in Rome said the son of the Nazi leader, who was condemned to death in ab-

sentia by the Nuremberg War Crimes Tribunal, seldom spoke of his father to his colleagues during his more than 18 years in the religious order.

One former superior of Bormann Jr., said:

"He spoke at times to us in the house of the 'severity' of his father with his family. And he spoke of how opposed his father was to religion. He once said that if his father ever knew that he had become a priest he would never forgive him."

At one time, the order official said, the then Father Bormann came to him and asked, "Will you ask the people in the house not to be keeping at me on this matter of my father. I would rather not talk about it any more."

The younger Bormann entered the order on Oct. 8, 1952 and was ordained July 28, 1958.

He left the order in June 1971 after having asked for and been granted, lay status in order to marry a former Catholic nun.

"I want to make it clear that Bormann left the order in the proper way," an official stressed. "He never was in any trouble and we were very sorry to see him leave. There was nothing at all unpleasant about his leaving."

The official said the last he had heard of Bormann was that he had married a former nun and the two were operating a school in Bavaria.

Bormann Jr., now 42, was trained as a Hitler Youth and "Hitler was his godfather in a civil ceremony — thus the middle name of Adolf."

According to a member of the order, Bormann Jr. was one of "several children — possibly as many as nine — of the Nazi leader and his wife.

Bormann Jr., after the war ended found his way to Bavaria where he was housed by a Roman Catholic farm couple.

"They knew who he was and they realized that if his identity became known the child would never have a chance to live a normal life," an order priest said. "So they raised him quietly

and gave him a good Christian education. It took something to get all that Hitler Youth training out of him, as it would anyone."

Young Bormann entered the religious order at the age of 22.

"It was his own free decision to leave the order and he said on leaving that he had nothing but gratitude for the years he spent with us," a member said.

An official of the order said a younger brother of Martin is now

a lay member of a staff which operates a boys' reformatory near Munich.

"The reformatory is operated and sponsored by our order," said a representative of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart.

Martin Bormann Jr. spent several years in the Congo as a missionary with the Sacred Heart order. In the mid-1960s he was kidnapped, along with other members of the order, by Congolese rebels and then released.

Painting Stolen From P. R. Church

San Juan (RNS) — The "Bethlehem Virgin," a painting described as "priceless" and several other works of art were stolen from San Jose church in Old San Juan.

Catholic leaders were stunned by the thefts, which included a series of paintings called "The Four Evangelists," presented to the church by Gov. Luis A. Ferre, along with a number of minor works of art, chalices, ornaments and even a ciborium that held the Blessed Sacrament

— an act considered sacrilege by the church.

The painting of the Virgin was believed to have been damaged by being ripped from its setting atop an altar. Dr. Arturo Davila, director of the fine arts department of the University of Puerto Rico and art adviser to Msgr. Rafael Fontanez, administrative vicar of the Archdiocese of San Juan, said, "The historic value of the painting makes it priceless."



The Iceman

Father J. Donald Monan, SJ, recently appointed president of Boston College, prepares to skate into action in his first game in "Flynn's Follies," an intramural hockey league composed of the Chestnut Hill, Mass., college's administrators and named after athletic director William J. Flynn. Although Father Monan hadn't played hockey for 10 to 12 years, he scored a goal. (RNS)

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Msgr. Bordelon Resigns Post

Washington (RNS) — Msgr. Marvin Bordelon, director of the U.S. Catholic Conference's Division of World Justice and Peace, has resigned the post.

Archbishop-elect Joseph L. Bernardin of Cincinnati, general secretary of the USCC, accepted the resignation, effective Dec. 31. Msgr. Bordelon will join the Council on Foundation of New York and work toward the establishment of a Community Foundation for Greater Washington.

The 49-year-old priest, a clergyman of the Alexandria, Va., diocese, joined the USCC in 1967 as director of the justice and peace agency. In 1970, he was named director of the USCC Department of International Affairs, but returned to his original post this year when the department was consolidated with other USCC offices.

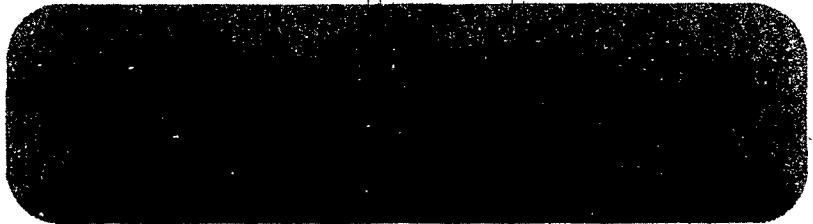
Reviewing his years with the U.S. bishops' action organization, Msgr. Bordelon cited some indications of progress, including the establishment of justice and peace offices in 70 U.S. dioceses; educational efforts by bishops, priests and laity with regard to justice and peace, and the establishment of a Washington-based Center for Concern.

However, the priest expressed "mixed feelings of both pessimism and confidence," regarding the future.

He said he was not too optimistic about American Catholics dealing with some of the nation's fundamental problems, noting that "we are materially too rich and parochial to tackle these root questions with realism and sufficient sacrifice."

"I am confident, however, that in the long run sufficient numbers of Christians and other men of goodwill can and will recover a more realistic sense of priorities and redirect their energies toward the needs of all men on the planet," he said. "I am thus delighted that the USCC plans to continue the program."

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Wow!

A smile of appreciation is apparent as Father Edward Shamon, pastor of St. Aloysius, Auburn, receives a check from Miss Helen Ganley, president of the parish Rosary Altar Society and Christmas dinner chairman, Mrs. Jane Caputa (far left) at annual Rosary Altar Society Christmas party.

New School Elects Board

By MARY ANN GINNERTY

Auburn — A school board for the newly combined Catholic elementary school to open in September 1973 was elected recently. The new board will consist of the pastors and principals of the three schools, Holy Family, St. Alphonsus and Sacred Heart and three laymen from each parish.

New board members are Albert V. Nicolletta, Mrs. James G. Cuddy, and Mrs. Frederick Kruger from Holy Family; James

F. Wilson, F. Michael Stapleton, and Mrs. L. Harvey Clark from St. Alphonsus, and Martin E. Fanning, Mrs. Russell Lyon and Mrs. Charles W. Avino from Sacred Heart.

The present school boards at the three schools will continue for the remainder of the school year.

Registration for the merged school will be held at the three existing schools Jan. 8 to 12, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.



Brother Lawrence Killelea, Moderator of the BKHS Century Club, formulates membership drive plans with committee members (r to l) William Hickey Jr., Edward Bollin and Charles Bayer.

Kearney Drive On

The Century Club of Bishop Kearney High School, an independent organization of more than 100 local business and professional men, elected officers at a recent meeting. President will be Arnold Eckert; vice-president, Dr. Frank Maggio; secretaries, Joseph Weckesser and Charles Bayer; treasurer, James Wegman.

The club sponsors a single

event annually, its membership dinner dance, and donates all proceeds to the school's emergency and scholarship funds. Moderator Brother Lawrence Killelea announced that, as a result of the group's efforts, tuition has been stabilized so that quality education is still in the average family's reach. The club's sixth annual membership drive is in progress and will extend through January.

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