Religious Films Teach Japanese About Catholics

SHIZUOKA, Japan — (NC) — Catholics in this important industrial city are cooperating in a plan aimed at showing their fellow citizens what Catholicism is all about.

Conducted by the Rev. Clement Fontenau, of the Paris Foreign Mission Society, the plan calls for Catholics in each of 12 designated zones to put on free shows in a neighborhood commercial theater.

Audiences are shown religious films and hear talks by a priest and a Catholic layman. For many in the audience, ranging from 1,000 to 1,500, this has been their first close-up view of a priest.

The projector and films have been supplied by the Paris Foreign Mission Society. The work is being sponsored on a nationwide basis by the National Catholic Committee in Tokyo.

Noted Jesuit Educator Dies

NEW ORLEANS—(NC) — The Rev. James J. O'Brien, S.J., an Irish born poet-educator, died last week at Mercy Hospital here. During his sixty years as a Jesuit, he was spiritual director at St. Charles' College, Grand Coteau, La., and was a teacher, librarian, historian, chaplain, retreat master and acting rector at Loyola University of the South. He was author of "Sagart Singing," a group of poems published in book form.

Maryknollers Break Mission Record In '51

Persecution Fails To Stop Order; Bishop Predicts Upsurge Of Christianity

NEW YORK, (NC)—While 1951 was Maryknoll's period of greatest suffering under Red persecution, the society recently sent overseas the largest mission group in its history.

This was disclosed here by Bishop Raymond A. Lane, Superior General of Maryknoll, who said the society sent 39 priests and three Brothers to the missions in its 1952 class.

The prelate expressed his belief that "there never has been so many martyrs in so many countries as there are now."

Nevertheless, Bishop Lane predicted the greatest resurgence of Christianity in history, as a result of the Reds' war on the Church in Red China and Korea.

Scores of Maryknollers have been victims of Red oppression in these areas, Bishop Lane said.

"In Nero's time the Martyrdom was easier—you were thrown to the lions. Now they ruin a man's mind and still make him live," he commented. "Death is simple compared to the mental torture."

Still at their posts in China are about 18 of the 130 Maryknollers who were stationed in the country before the Korean war. Some have been confined to their mission compounds, some are under house arrest and others are in prison. Three of the 18 are Maryknoll Sisters.

Bishop Francis X. Ford, M. M., has been held incommunicado in prison since April, 1951. Bishop Patrick J. Byrne, Apostolic Delegate to Korea, and the Rev. William R. Booth, M. M., have been missing since their capture by the Reds in July, 1950. There have been rumors Bishop Byrne is dead and that Father Booth is a civilian prisoner. Maryknoll has had no verification of these North Korean rumors.

Bishop Lane said one of the most difficult decisions he has been called upon to make arose from the demand for $3,000 ransom by the communists for the release of Bishop Adolph J. Pashang, former Ordinary of Kongmoon.

"It is hard on the heart but not on the head," Bishop Lane commented. "To pay the ransom would have been immoral and would put a price on every missionary."

Bishop Pashang has since been expelled from China.

Back To Guadalcanal

WASHINGTON — (NC) — Brother Joseph-Chanel Gordon, S.M., who served on Guadalcanal in the last war is returning in August for missionary duty in the South Solomons. He was converted to Catholicism while serving in the Southwest pacific.

Teen-Agers Remodel Church

These two home missionaries are Clarence Roberts (left) and Alexander Martin, shown as they renovate Sacred Heart Church in Milford Center. The youths are members of the Catholic Students Mission Crusade at Rosecrans High School, Zanesville, and are repairing the church as an act of charity. Absent when the picture was taken was Richard Bollinger, the third volunteer, also of Zanesville Rosecrans.

Three teen-agers from Zanesville's Rosecrans High School are the first volunteers in the home mission program, designed to renovate churches in small parishes in the Columbus Diocese.

Repairing and painting the church of the Sacred Heart at Milford Center are Clarence Roberts, Richard Bollinger and Alexander Martin. They are members of the Catholics Students Mission Crusade, a national organization of high school students following a program of study, prayer and sacrifice for the missions.

The boys, working under the direction of the Rev. William Meyers, C.PP.S., pastor are receiving free room and board from parishioners of Sacred Heart. In turn, they are doing the work on the church for spiritual rather than monetary gain.

When the project at Milford Center is completed, the boys will undertake similar tasks at St. Joseph churches in Cardington and Plain City.

The summer project, the first of its kind in the diocese, was instituted by the Rev. James Kulp, diocesan director for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith. Father Kulp said the volunteers are performing a work which the respective parishes could never do themselves, because of lack of money and because of the small number of parishioners. Sacred Heart at Milford Center, for example, has only 20 members in the congregation.

Those with skills in painting, carpentry and general repairs who would like to devote some time to this charitable project, are invited to contact Father Kulp at the Mission Office, 246 E. Town St.

Gold Coast Bishop Named

ROME — (NC) — Bishop Andreas van den Bronk, of the Society of African Missions has been assigned to Kumasi on the African Gold Coast. The 44-year-old Netherlands-born prelate has served the past five years as Vicar Apostolic of Heliopolis in Egypt.

Abbot Primate

Most Rev. Bernard Kealin, O.S.B., Primate of Benedictine Order and Abbot of Sant 'Anselmo de Urbe (Rome), who will visit the Benedictine houses in the United States about August 1. He is currently visiting Benedictine houses in South America and Mexico. (NC Photos)

Missioner's Life Made Miserable By Windy Ladies

CAMIGUIN ISLAND, P.I. — (NC) —Some "windy ladies" are making life miserable for a Columban missionary on this small island in the Philippines.

The Rev. Patrick Cashman, of Bayonne, N.J., doesn't worry about Hibok-Hibok, volcano which blew its top on the island last December, in an eruption spelling disaster for thousands.

"I don't mind 'Old Smokey'," he says, "but when 'Marge', 'Louise' and 'Gemma' blow in—whew!"

The "ladies" in question, if you haven't already guessed, are typhoons. Weathermen give the storms femine names.

Father Cashman described what "Gemma" was doing to his mission area in these words in a letter:

"Coconuts are plopping all over the place, roofs are being shattered, trees blown down. My church is flooded and the house is saturated."

Some gal!

Hold First Ordination Since The Reformation

COLOGNE—(NC)—Bishop Theodor Suhr, O.S.B., Vicar Apostolic of Denmark, has performed the first ordination of a Catholic priest in that country since the Protestant Reformation, according to a Copenhagen report of Kirchlicher Nachrichtendienst, Catholic news agency here.

East German Regime Curbs Bishops' Freedom To Travel

BERLIN— (NC) — Regular and permanent access to his own diocesan territory is now being denied to Bishop Wilhelm Weskamm of Berlin by the communist authorities. The free movement of the Bishops stationed in the Soviet zone of occupation may soon be stopped altogether.

Both Bishop Weskamm and the Lutheran Bishop Otto Dibelius have been informed that they cannot obtain permanent passes to cross the city border of Berlin into the surrounding Soviet zone unless they give up their residences in the Western sectors of the city and move to the East where they would be under communist jurisdiction.

From now on they will have to apply for passes each time they wish to make a trip to the East. Applications must be filed three weeks ahead of time and the Bishops will have to appear in person before the communist officials who issue these papers.

It is learned reliably that the Soviet zone government does not intend to issue permits any longer to the Bishops in the Soviet zone for trips to the West. Bishop Heinrich Wienken of Meissen, Saxony, and Bishop Friedric Rintelen, Auxiliary of Paderborn residing at Magdeburg, are the Ordinaries principally affected.

It remains to be seen whether they will not even be permitted to attend the annual meeting of the German Hierarchy at Fulda now scheduled to be held August 11-13, and whether the Berlin Katholikentag, national convention of German Catholics, will be severly limited in its scope, if the attendance of Catholics residing in the Soviet zone is made impossible.

God Love You

Chinese Reds Show Rabid Hatred Of Blessed Virgin

by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen

There is no record in history of any persecutors hating the memory of a woman. No one ever shakes his fist of hate at Caesar or swears revenge on the ashes of a Hitler, much less despise their mothers. But the persecution in China is revealing something new: There is a violent, rabid hatred of the Blessed Mother. The Communist judges make it a major crime to belong to the Legion of Mary. Why do these "judges" who know nothing of Christianity rage and storm against any devotion to Mary the Mother of God? The answer is that the present world struggle is no longer a Civil War between adorers of God and slaves of Satan. A peculiarity of this struggle is that Satan would direct his hatred against the Woman. Before the Incarnation, Scripture describes a "great dragon" who stood fronting the Woman who was in childbirth, ready to swallow up the child as soon as she bore it. After the Incarnation, the dragon is pictured as "in pursuit of the Woman, the boy's mother." Note that Satan attacks the Woman. He tempted the First Eve to fall from grace; now he attacks the Second Eve, Mary, to prevent the birth of her Son in the souls of men . . . Communism as a political and economic world system is no more interested in Mary than are the Republicans and the Democrats. But Communism as the Mystical Body of the anti-Christ is Satan's enemy in Mary. Hence the attack on Mary by the Chinese Communists is a proof that they are Satanic.

This persecution on the mission world imposes a triple duty on us.

1) Say the Rosary daily for the Holy Father's Missions. Offer up the yellow beads for China. At your request and a $2 offering, we will send you a World Mission Rosary blessed by me.

2) Sacrifice: Share the tortures of our fellow Catholics in China by doing without a package of cigarettes, a new hat, or a taxi ride just to help kill the old Adam and make you one with Christ in His modern Passion.

3) Imitate the good example of these: GOD LOVE YOU to V. McL. who has returned to the Church after 20 years and in thanksgiving for her second chance to renew her faith sends $50 to the Holy Father's Missions . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Cpl. E.C.D. for $15, the money he had to wait to receive because of being transferred to Korea, and now sends it to the Holy Father's Missions as his "insurance to God." GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. M. "This $5 was going on a saving for a new lamp. But I decided it would bring a brighter light to the missions." . . . GOD LOVE YOU to Mrs. J. McD. who sent the Holy Father's Missions the $17 she saved by doing the housework herself instead of hir- a maid for a week.

Cut out this column, pin your sacrifice to it and send it to the Most Reverend Fulton J. Sheen, National Director of The Society for the Propagation of the Faith, 109 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York or your Diocesan Director, Reverend James Kulp, 246 East Town Street, Columbus 15, Ohio.

GOD'S WANT AD!

Our Father Dunn, assistant to Monsignor McMahon in his work for the poor refugees of Palestine, writes us many appeals for those homeless thousands. Here is one which really touched our hearts, and we are praying that a kind friend will answer Father Dunn's plea:

"For four years our refugee camp at Dbaye, Lebanon, has sheltered two thousand unfortunate exiles under tents. Men, women and children have weathered every hardship. Our little school, supported by dear Near East friends, gives some hope to the children, while our feeding program and medical aid help all to keep soul and body together.

"But is it not a shame that we have never been able to build a little chapel, where Our Lord always present could console the exiles of Dbaye? The men will build it with their own hands, but the materials will cost $750. Please do appeal for this. God will surely bless anyone who will bring such consolation to His poor."

Won't you give this Shrine to Dbaye's refugees? Here is real charity to people with no shelter but a leaky tent.

BEDEWED

Our souls are chalices bedewed with the Precious Blood of Jesus in the wonderful Sacraments. Can you give $40 for the chalice, which will be used by a missionary at a humble Near East altar? Do this during July, month of the Precious Blood, as your act of love.

PIERCED PALMS

From His pierced palms blood red rivers in torrents did run. The Crucifix, costing $25, can be given to a Near East chapel, in honor of the five rivers of Calvary, to which have been added all the rivulets of the blood of the martyrs from St. Stephen to our day.

IF THIS LOVELY BABY were yours, how your love for it would be shown by your care and your caresses. But it is a foundling, one of many in the loving charge of the Sisters of Charity in Beirut, Lebanon. Won't you give $10, which will support this child for a whole month? Then that dollar monthly for ORPHAN'S BREAD will do wonders for the little tots we have.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

August is dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and it will be the last month during which we shall appeal for help in building the SHRINE CHAPEL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA, among the blind and homeless in the care of the Sisters of the Destitute at Alwaye, India. Really devotion to Our Lady of Fatima is devotion to her Immaculate Heart. Have you given your mite for her Shrine? You can give the special censer and boat, used during Benediction, for $40. How Our Lady will bless you always and how her dear Son, enthroned on the Altar, will send you many hidden graces. Please help us along the way.

STELLA MEANS STAR, and we are praying that some dear friend will make Sister Mary Stella, named in honor of Our Lady, Star of the Sea, an adopted daughter. A novice with the Sisters of St. Joseph in Travancore, India, she will need $300 for her two years' training. SAMUEL WAS A GREAT OLD TESTAMENT PROPHET, but we also have a worthy Samuel at the Seminary of Grottaferrata, near Rome. He has four years before he will ascend the altar, God willing. Can you give $400 in any installments and make him your adopted son?

NO GIFT TOO SMALL

How grateful we are for those dollar gifts. Sometimes they come in the form of a precious Mass offering, which helps support a poor Near East missionary. Often they come with the comforting line: "Use it wherever most needed, Father!"—a stringless gift. And then others send them in for those "Mystic Seven"—our Mission Clubs. However they come, DOLLAR ADDED TO DOLLAR SUPPORTS THIS HOLY FATHER'S MISSION AID.

MAKE YOUR LAST WILL GOD'S OWN WILL

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