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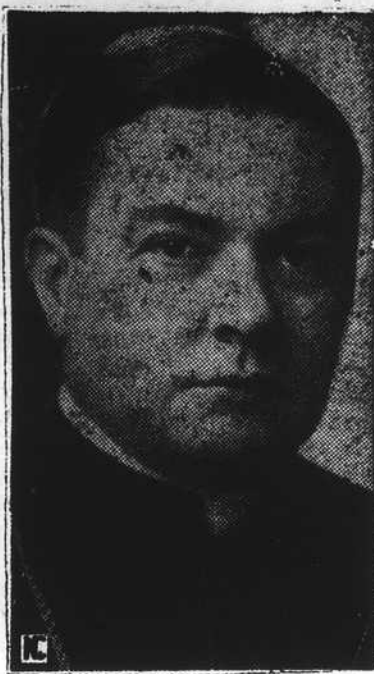
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## RECEIVE NEW APPOINTMENTS



Most Rev. J. Francis A. McIntyre, Coadjutor Archbishop of New York, who has been appointed Archbishop of Los Angeles, succeeding the late Archbishop John J. Cantwell last October.—(NC Photos)



Most Rev. T. Bergan, Bishop of Des Moines, since 1934, who has been named Archbishop of Omaha, succeeding the late Archbishop James H. Ryan, who died last November. Archbishop-elect Bergan was born in Peoria.

## Archbishop McIntyre, Bishop Bergan Appointed to Los Angeles, Omaha

WASHINGTON—Two important Sees of the West and Middle West, the Archdioceses of Los Angeles and Omaha, made vacant by the deaths of their Archbishops toward the end of 1947, received new Shepherds during the past week through the appointment of Archbishop J. Francis A. McIntyre, Coadjutor of New York, to Los Angeles, and of Bishop Gerald T. Bergan of Des Moines to the Metropolitan See of Omaha.

Announcement of these appointments by His Holiness Pope Pius XII was made here by His Excellency Archbishop Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States.

Los Angeles became an Archbishopric in July 1936, Archbishop John J. Cantwell being its first Archbishop. The See has 601,200 Catholics in a total population of 3,528,000. Omaha was made an Archbishopric in August 1945. In a total population of 529,078, Catholics in the Omaha Archbishopric number 120,000.

Archbishop McIntyre, who now goes from the eastern See of New York, his native city, to the Western See of Los Angeles, gave up a business career to enter the priesthood. He was ordained at 35 years of age in May 1921 by the late Cardinal Hayes. Two years later he became Assistant Chancellor of the Archbishopric, subsequently serving as Vice Chancellor and being named Chancellor in September 1934.

In 1940 His Holiness Pope Pius XII named Monsignor McIntyre as Titular Bishop of Cyrene and Auxiliary Bishop of New York, and about two years ago he promoted him to be Titular Archbishop of Paltus and Coadjutor to His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York. In recent years he has served as Vicar General of the Archbishopric.

Archbishop-elect Bergan was consecrated Bishop of Des Moines in June 1934. Prior to this he had served as Chancellor of the Diocese of Peoria and as rector of the Cathedral.

He was made a Domestic Prelate in 1931 and three years later received his appointment as Bishop of Des Moines.

Archbishop-elect Bergan was born in Peoria on January 6, (Continued on Page 8)

## Russians Condemn Nuns to Slavery

The following is a dispatch from KIPA, Catholic press agency, which appeared in "L'Echo," at Lausanne, Switzerland, Jan. 27, 1948, and reached THE BROOKLYN TABLET by mail last week.

A German prisoner of war, recently liberated from Russia, has made the following statement on the shocking situation existing among those deported from the Soviet zone in Germany. His statement has been declared authentic by ecclesiastical authorities:

"On Oct. 12, 1947, we left Stalino to return to Germany. Up to that time we had worked in the Stalino mines. As we were about to leave the station, the contingent that was to replace us got off a train which had just arrived. It was made up of 1,400 Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. They were a miserable lot, looking as miserable as ourselves.

"Some of them wore religious habits, dirty and torn; the rest were deplorably clothed. I was able to speak to two of these nuns. They told me that in 1946 all the Sisters of Charity in the Soviet zone had been arrested. They were brought together in Pomerania for mass deportation.

## Many Were Young

"One of the nuns to whom I spoke was from Stargard and the other from Leipzig. The former was about 34 years old and the latter 39. From what I could judge, some of the nuns were more than 50 years old.

"From 1946 until a short time ago, these Religious had been forced to work in reconstructing bridges over the Dnieper until one day they were again brought together for a second deportation. They were told they would like working in the mines, that the food would be better and that after working until April they would be returned to Germany. The two Sisters told me they had no faith in the promises as long as they were destined to work in the mines.

"They were depressed and dis-

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## Anti-Semitism Is Rampant in Russia

NEW YORK — Anti-Semitism is so widespread in Soviet Russia today it is difficult to believe it could exist "in so closely controlled a police state if the Government did not give its tacit approval," writes Drew Middleton, former New York Times correspondent in Moscow, in a recent article of the series he is writing for the Times on conditions in Russia.

"Announced or not," Mr. Middleton writes, "it appears to be Government policy to reduce the number of Jews in positions of influence in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Moreover, Jews are barred from joining the Ministry even in the most subsidiary positions.

"Jews cannot now enter the principal military academies in Moscow. Their number is restricted in the medical and law schools in the university at Kiev and in Moscow University.

"Jews trace the start of the present antagonism to the treason trials twelve years ago. Leon Trotsky, they point out, was a Jew and so were many of his followers."

## Fr. O'Brien Calls School Children To Sacrifice for European Youth

RALEIGH—School children will play a special role in the appeal for the Bishops' Fund for War Victims in their own special collection which opened on Ash Wednesday. During the Lenten season, more than 2,000,000 pupils in parochial schools throughout the country will save their pennies, nickels and dimes for suffering children overseas. Their contributions will be turned over to the general relief fund which is being raised by two American Catholic relief agencies—the Bishops' Emergency Relief Committee and War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.



Rev. Francis K. O'Brien  
Chancellor

## Chaplain Believed First Priest To See North Pole

MILE 26 AIR BASE, Alaska—The Rev. Olbinus R. Lesch, C. P., army chaplain from Auburn, N. Y., is thought here to be the first Catholic priest and the first American chaplain to see the North Pole.

But Father Lesch says modestly: "I think that the most significant realization that would come to a person with such a dubious title as this is that the whole matter is quite insignificant . . . at a time when scientific discoveries have made the trip relatively safe, it is hardly the time to mention that a priest has flown over the pole."

Father Lesch, chaplain at the air field here, accompanied a group of 16 Air Force fliers and scientists on a flight over the pole late last month "in the B-29 'Northern Star'."

"It was a very clear night," he relates. "We had a wonderful but distant view of it from 12,000 feet. The most satisfying aspect of the flight for me was the fact that it was perhaps the first time that the hand of a priest had been raised to invoke the Blessing of God on this wild frozen ocean . . . to implore the Almighty and All-Merciful Creator of it so to control its elements as safely to return to Alaska the flyers whose duty it is to fly over this great open space 'north' of America."

## Thousands See Fatima Statue in Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — More than 2,000 persons crowded into the Cathedral of the Incarnation, here, to pay homage to the "Pilgrim Virgin," a replica of the famous statue of Our Lady of Fatima. The statue was blessed and crowned by Bishop William L. Adrian of Nashville, during a Marian Hour service.

The statue was brought here from a tour of the Covington diocese, where it was estimated that more than 65,000 persons viewed it. At St. Paul's Church in Lexington, Ky., it was estimated that some 15,000 persons viewed the statue, some coming from distances as great as 75 miles.

Pupils of the parochial schools of the Diocese of Raleigh are among the Catholic students who are participating in the appeal. To set the keynote of the drive, school rooms are now displaying a handsome poster depicting an American youngster kneeling in prayer. Over her bowed head are the words: "And, dear Lord, help me to make little sacrifices for suffering children overseas."

A goal of \$5,000,000 is sought by the joint agencies whose record of relief work in Europe and the Far East has been lauded by spiritual, civic and political leaders both in the United States and abroad. Since 1943 the organizations have distributed 106,670,000 pounds of foodstuffs, clothing and medicine to 61 war-stricken countries.

"There can be no worthier cause than to help these unfortunate victims of the most destructive war in history," said Father Francis K. O'Brien, chancellor, "For them three years of peace have meant only new misery and suffering. There are still thousands of men and women living in unbelievably filthy hovels with a daily diet of scraps of food. Their children—if they have managed to survive the past winter—are diseased and starving.

"We in America whom God has blessed so richly can help these men and women return to a hopeful, healthy and dignified way of life. Once more War Relief Services is asking for cooperation to completely wipe out the scars war has left. Once again may you give from your hearts, that the whole world may know the boundless depths of Christian charity."

Last year, continued Father O'Brien, "the Diocese of Raleigh contributed \$16,000 to the relief campaign. It is hoped that the Catholics in the State will try to at least equal, if not surpass last year's record, in this new Lenten drive."

## K. of C. Run Gas Pump

ARLINGTON, Va., — Many of them had never operated a gasoline pump before, but for three weeks members of the local Knights of Columbus council took daily turns at the service station of Edward Kennedy while Mr. Kennedy, father of four small children, was hospitalized with a serious illness.

## Refugees Crowd City

PEIPING — In normal times there would hardly be more than 200. priests in this Chinese city, but today there are more than 500 owing to the influx of 300 refugee priests and five Bishops, driven from their mission territories by the inroads of communists, Fides reports. There are also some 500 nuns among the refugees.