

UNIQUE EDUCATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

MORE INTIMATE CONTACT WITH CATHOLIC YOUTH OF ALL NATIONS

By Dr. Frederick Funder (Vienna Correspondent, N. C. W. C.) A small group of Austrian students sailed Sunday from Hamburg for New York on a notable mission. It is known as the Austria-Eastern Asia Delegation of Austrian Catholic Students, and it will travel around the world with the purpose of bringing about more intimate contact among the Catholic youth of all nations and of establishing correspondence for joint religious, social and scientific work in conformity with the aims of the Pax Romana, the international organization of Catholic students.

Six students of Vienna make up the delegation. There are two students of law, one of medicine, two of political science and one of technical science. They will go first to New York, and thence to Washington, St. Louis, Milwaukee, Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Seattle, in the United States. They will then visit Yokohama, Sendai, Tsingtao, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Singapore, Colombo and Bombay.

STUDIES TO BE MADE IN AMERICA

In America, the delegation will visit the Catholic universities of the country and the Catholic students' clubs. It also will study the organization of the National Catholic Welfare Conference at Washington, the high reputation of which in Europe has earned the most respectful attention of the Austrian Catholic educated class.

The delegation has positive orders: To form personal connections with the leading personalities of Catholic youth in the universities across the seas; to ascertain the opportunities for employment of Austrian Catholic students if they emigrate after being graduated from their universities; and to collect information concerning missionary work in India in which Austrian Catholic students have a vital interest.

Before setting out for Hamburg, the leader of the delegation, Francis Rene Murad, a medical student, in an interview with the Vienna correspondent of the N. C. W. C. News Service, described the nature and proposed methods of the student world tour. Murad is the son of an old Austrian family of officials, has a splendid figure and apparently is a fine fellow. His manner is refined and thoughtful, and he gives the impression of being very energetic.

INTERVIEW WITH LEADER OF GROUP

"We shall travel as working students," said Murad. "That is, we propose to earn our traveling expenses as we go. Such a course is in harmony with the present state of our country, and any other course would not be worthy of us as representatives of Austrian youth."

"However, we are not going into the project blindly. A stay of some months at several of us made in New York last year has proved to us that our plan is practicable provided we are physically strong and not afraid of work. In New York, we shall immediately go in quest of employment and start to earn a fund to pay for the continuance of our tour. At the same time, we shall gather data so that, on our return, we shall be able to speak positively about emigration conditions in our country—and with more authority than would holiday-makers, for we shall have experienced the burdens and the satisfaction of workmen while we were obtaining our information. Last year, we earned our bread in New York by washing pots and pans and



CATHOLICS AND THE BOY SCOUTS

Washington, D. C., May 31.—Victor Ridder, a prominent Catholic layman of New York City, has been named a member of the Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America, Col. W. P. Martin, executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men, which is pushing the Scout movement among Catholics, has been informed.

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"This year, we hope to find working conditions more in harmony with the training and education we have had and more convenient for the gathering of the data we seek. It may be in newspaper offices or in store houses. But we shall not avoid exertion, if it serves our purpose as students. Deck work will provide us with the necessary money for the voyage, and the acquisition of a Ford automobile, we hope, will facilitate our getting around more quickly, for we hope to visit all of the larger university cities and towns."

WILL BE IN U. S. THREE MONTHS

"We hope to cross the United States in about three months, and to return to Vienna by the first of November. We feel sure we will be met with understanding by the American Catholic students and that our mission of social and religious investigation will interest them. We will be able to report on our own efforts in Austria, our experiences, failures and successes in the fields of religious, charitable and social work. We desire particularly to find out about clubs and societies and about the activity of American Catholic students in the life of the Church and in its social work."

"Especially, too, we shall seek information on the prospects of Austrian Catholic university graduates who emigrate to America. We shall do this in view of our observations that some Catholic young men of Austria who were members of promising intellectual circles before they emigrated have disappeared, in an intellectual sense after they arrived in the new country and lost their contacts. We hope, to be useful both to our Austrian brothers and to our new friends in America. We shall carry with us letters of introduction from our own public and church authorities and from men prominent in Catholic life in Austria."

I bade farewell to the leader of the delegation with the impression that these young men will succeed in the high mission they have undertaken. They are scouts of the new Austrian Catholic youth. The great distress in their own country has aroused new forces in them.

DEATH OF PRIESTS

By Rev. Dr. Wilhelm Baron von Capitaine

While most of the German dioceses have sufficient priests since the War, some even having a surplus to be sent to other fields, recent reports from Czecho-Slovakia show a serious shortage, particularly in Bohemia. The same is reported true in Mahren and Silesia. In the Koeniggratz district in 1923, twenty-four priests are reported to have died with only eight ordained. In Leitmeritz, twenty-three died and fourteen were ordained, in Prague the figures were thirty and eleven; in Budweis, thirteen and one; in Brunn, twenty-four and eleven. In all, one hundred and thirty-six died and sixty-eight were ordained.

Great want of new members also is reported by the orders and congregations. Those orders connected with schools, where they have access to the youth of the country, fare well enough, but those who have no such contact are very short-handed. German monasteries in foreign countries also are experiencing a shortage.

CATHOLIC STUDENTS WIN ESSAY CONTESTS

Washington, D. C., May 30.—Out of six prize winners in the district of Columbia division of the American Chemical Society's essay contest, three are Catholic students of Notre Dame Academy here. In addition, four of the five who received honorable mention in the contest also are students at the academy.

The Chemical Society awards six prizes of \$20 each for the six best essays in each State and in the District of Columbia. Six scholarships to Yale or Vassar are the national awards. Contestants were required to write 2,500-word essays on one of six subjects. The contest was made possible through the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Francis P. Garvan, of New York City. Mr. Garvan is a prominent Catholic layman.

The committee for the contest here included the president of the National Geographic Society, a Jewish rabbi, a Methodist Episcopal bishop, a Congregational minister, the general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., the superintendent of Public Schools and a Georgetown University professor.

Wilmingtom, Del., May 30.—A fifteen-year-old Catholic girl, a sophomore in the Ursuline Academy here, has been pronounced winner of the State essay contest conducted by the Army to encourage enlistments in the summer citizens' training camps. She is Jeanette Gerry, and all her schooling has been in Catholic institutions. She receives a prize of \$50 for the feat.

Mr. Ridder has been largely responsible for interest among

Catholics in the Scout movement in America.

OBITUARY

MRS. FALLON, THE BISHOP'S MOTHER

An illness of some weeks terminated Monday night, June 2nd, in the death of Mrs. Bridget Eagan Fallon, at the residence of her son, Right Rev. M. F. Fallon, D. D., Bishop of London.

Mrs. Fallon's condition was recognized as extremely critical during the past few days and prayers were offered for her in the Catholic churches of the diocese on Sunday. Mrs. Fallon who was seventy-five years of age, resided in London, intermittently for the past two years, formerly residing in Kingston and Cornwall.

She is survived by seven sons, Bishop Fallon of this city; Father James and Father Charles, Oblate missionaries, of Buffalo; Joseph of Cornwall; Thomas of Buffalo; Frank, of Hamilton, and Vincent, of Kingston. Her husband predeceased her twelve years ago.

The funeral was held Wednesday morning from St. Peter's Cathedral. Pontifical High Mass was sung by His Lordship Bishop Fallon, Father James Fallon, O. M. I., acted as deacon and Father C. Fallon, O. M. I., acted as sub-deacon. Father Lauradeau, of Ford and Dr. Foley were honorary deacons and Dean Downey was assistant priest. The Mass was sung by the St. Peter's Seminary choir under the direction of Father Brisson.

The great majority of the priests of the city and diocese of London were present in the sanctuary together with Father Wade Smith, O. M. I., and Father Sloane, O. M. I., of Buffalo.

The pallbearers were four sons and two nephews of the deceased. After the ceremonies here the remains were conveyed to Kingston for burial, accompanied by His Lordship the Bishop, the other sorrowing relatives and friends as well as many London priests.

At Kingston the following day St. Mary's Cathedral was filled to the doors with the old-time friends of the Fallon family. The solemn Libera was sung by Archbishop Spratt, after which the remains were taken to St. Mary's Cemetery.

The seven sons of the deceased, including the bishop and the two priests, were present.

Bishop Fallon occupied a seat in the sanctuary and many of the priests of the archdiocese of Kingston were in attendance. The great numbers of priests and people present at the funeral services both in London and in Kingston were a sincere tribute to the edifying life of a good Catholic, a good woman and a good mother. Catholics everywhere will be moved to breathe a fervent prayer for the valiant woman, the mother who gave three sons to the service of God and His Holy Church.

May she rest in peace.

CATHOLIC DRAMATIC SCHOOL

Dublin, May 23.—As a result of the remarkable success in the Dramatic Art section of the Father Mathew Feis it has been decided to promote a school of Catholic Drama giving young playwrights an opportunity of having their plays produced in the Father Mathew Hall. The idea is to give young actors and writers, endowed with gifts, the chance of doing for Ireland what notable Catholic dramatists have done for France and Spain.

"Sovereign Love," Mr. T. C. Murray's play, was produced at the Feis. The verdict of the author on the interpretation was that it was the best he had seen. This year's Father Mathew Feis, with one exception, the most successful held since the Festival was founded sixteen years ago.

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Miss Gerry's essay was broadcast from New York by radio with the winning essays from New York and New Jersey, and has now been sent to Washington by the Army authorities, where it will be considered for the national prize.

Judges in the contest were Major Gen. Robert L. Bullard, U. S. A.; Mrs. Francis Rogers, president of the Soldiers and Sailors Club, New York City; Mrs. August Belmont, Miss Mary Bogart, national vice-president, W. O. S. L., and Capt. Nathan Lord, civilian aide to the Secretary of War for New York.

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