

Beatification Of Mother Marie d'Youville Studied

MONTREAL (CP) — The case for beatification of Mother Marie d'Youville—a step in the direction of sainthood—was studied Tuesday by the Vatican's Congregation of Rites.

If the widow who founded the Roman Catholic Sisters of Charity—the Grey Nuns—more than 200 years ago eventually is canonized, she may be the first Canadian-born woman saint.

In 1954, Canon Andre Grasset de Saint-Sauveur, born while his French parents were in Canada, was canonized for his martyrdom during the French Revolution.

French-born Marguerite Bourgeoys, who opened Montreal's first school in 1653 and later founded La Congregation de Notre Dame, a religious order, was beatified in 1950.

Also French-born were eight Jesuit missionaries to New France, killed by Indians in the years between 1642 and 1649 and declared saints in 1930.

BROTHER ANDRE. The case of Brother Andre, a member of the Congregation of the Holy Friars of the Cross, and founder of St. Joseph's Oratory in Montreal, is before the Vatican's Congregation of Rites but his case has not yet come up for consideration. Brother Andre died in 1937 and candidates are studied in chronological order.

Pope John Tuesday advanced the cause for Mother d'Youville's beatification by approving publication of a decree of miracles attributed to her.

The cause was begun April 28, 1890. The pontiff's step Tuesday was taken in meeting with the Vatican's Congregation of Rites. Verification and acceptance of miracles as authentic by the congregation bring the cause for beatification, the Roman Catholic Church's second highest honor, near completion. The highest honor is canonization or sainthood which sometimes follows beatification.

BORN IN VARENNES. Mother d'Youville was born Marie Marguerite de Lajemmerais in Varennes, Que., on Oct. 15, 1701. She attended the Ursuline Convent at Quebec City for two years where she was listed as one of the most distinguished students at the time.

At 20 she married a romantic young bouncer named Francois d'Youville who spent much of his time supplying liquor to the Indians. He died in 1730 leaving two children—four had died—and

debts amounting to 10,000 French pounds.

Marie d'Youville opened a shop in Market Place House, paid off her husband's debts and helped educate her sons for the priesthood.

She later became a member of the Confraternity of the Holy Family.

Three years later three volunteers joined her—the first Grey Nuns. They established themselves in a house at the corner of St. Pierre and Notre Dame Street in Montreal. To that house they brought the needy and treated the sick in all parts of the town.

Critics attacked them for taking in unwed mothers and other "sinful" souls but in spite of objections they were allowed to work in the General Hospital of Montreal where their grey cloaks became a familiar sight.

In 1755 Louis XV of France granted the community of the sisters of charity their charter.

When Canada fell to the British, religious communities were allowed to continue their work.

On Dec. 23, 1771, Mother d'Youville died of a stroke at the age of 70.

U.S. Jobless Show Increase

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unemployment in the United States rose by 616,000 in January to 4,724,000. It was the highest number in any January since before the Second World War.

Government statisticians said that from a statistical standpoint, however, it was comparable to January, 1950, when the unemployment figure was 4,390,000. They say there may be an error margin of perhaps 50,000 in such estimates.

The number of Americans at work dropped by 1,267,000 to 62,706,000 in January from 3,973,000 in December.

Bar Public And Press From Nfld. Murder Hearing

CORNER BROOK, Nfld. (CP) — The preliminary hearing of James Sparkes, 35-year-old Corner Brook man charged with the shotgun murder of Tuesday, Phyllis Chaisson, resumed Tuesday with public and press excluded.

Magistrate H. W. Strong barred spectators when the hearing, to determine whether Sparkes will stand trial in the Newfoundland Supreme Court, which opened Monday.

Mrs. Chaisson, 25, whose home was at St. Teresa, Nfld., died from a wound in the right shoulder after a shooting in a Corner Brook house Dec. 31.

Prominent U.K. Woman Dies

LONDON (CP) — Violet Markham, 86, who represented Canada on the governing body of the International Labor Office in 1923, died at her home in Kent Monday night.

One of the most prominent women in English public life, Miss Markham held a number of high administrative posts in the civil service. She received the ILO appointment from the late prime minister Mackenzie King, whose long friendship she commemorated in Friendship's Harvest, published in 1956.

Although she opposed the campaign for women's suffrage, she made an unsuccessful try for a parliamentary seat in 1918 after women won the legal right to vote during the First World War.

The daughter of a wealthy Derbyshire coal mine owner, Miss Markham had little formal education but developed an early interest in industry and municipal affairs. In 1914 she was named to the executive board of the National Relief Fund and she began a 26-year term as a member of the Industrial Court in 1920.

Despite a variety of responsibilities during the Second World War, she found time to operate an all-night canteen for the needy in South London.

Sydney Woman Is Acquitted

SYDNEY (CP) — Mrs. Joan MacNeil, 29-year-old Sydney stenographer, Tuesday was acquitted on a charge of theft of \$1,800 from the Esplanade Service Station here.

The decision was handed down by Magistrate M. J. Whalley. The trial ended two weeks ago.

Mrs. MacNeil now is in county jail serving a two-year sentence for falsification of records in connection with a shortage of \$28,000 from Durable Tire Retreaders Limited of Sydney.

Russians Hold Yank Convoy From W. Berlin

BERLIN (AP) — The Soviet Army Tuesday ignored three strong protests and for the second day held up the passage of an American military truck convoy bound from isolated Berlin to West Germany.

United States authorities here viewed the incident as the most serious pressure on Allied life lines since Moscow launched its campaign last November to get the Western powers out of West Berlin.

The four open trucks, loaded with jeeps, and five American soldiers were stopped at the East German autobahn checkpoint at Margenborn, just across from the West German border, at 1:05 p.m. Monday.

The Russians demanded the right to inspect the cargoes.

Cpl. Richard C. Masiero, in command of the convoy, followed standing U.S. Army orders and refused to let the Russians do any more than look at the manifest papers.

Wheat, Milk Are Offered

JAKARTA, Indonesia (Reuters) — Canada has offered surplus wheat and dried milk to help aid Indonesia's development.

Canadian ambassador T. F. M. Newton Tuesday said this would be done under the Colombo Plan.

He said the amount of surplus wheat and powdered milk would be modest and would not affect Australia's trade with this country.

The ambassador said Canada had adopted the counterpart aid scheme for giving Colombo Plan aid this year to Burma, Indonesia and the three former Indochina states.

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50 MILLION FOR ARROW

Over-All Defence Bill Cut For New Fiscal Year

OTTAWA (CP) — A sum of \$50,000,000 for the Arrow interceptor is contained in estimates of 1959-60 government spending tabled in the Commons Thursday.

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A sum of \$10,000,000 is set aside for development of sites for the Bomarc anti-aircraft missile, SAGE electronic control system and new radar stations. This program eventually will cost more than \$300,000,000.

OVER-ALL SPENDING CUT

The gross estimate for the 1959-60 defence budget is \$1,695,000,000 or \$72,000,000 less than the gross estimate for the fiscal year ending next March 31.

However, these figures are not an accurate representation of defence spending because of special defence department accounts which have been drawn on in recent years and now are being liquidated.

When withdrawals from these accounts are included, the 1959-60 defence budget is \$1,695,000,000 compared to \$1,767,000,000 in 1958-59, a reduction of \$72,000,000 in the coming fiscal year.

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CANADIAN MINISTER HONORED

A. E. Ritchie, Canadian minister to Washington, is "pinned" with the American Boy Scout emblem as one of a number of foreign diplomats selected to wear the emblem to mark the 49th anniversary of the scouting movement. Planning the emblem on Mr. Ritchie in the Washington ceremony is John Potts, 8, of

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