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RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA CURTAILED -- Zurich, Neue Zuercher Zeitung, 5 Dec 53 (AM Edition)

Since the Bishop of Brno, Dr Karel Skoupy, has been relieved of all church functions, two new priests in Milulov, named Macek and Boks, were ordained by Communist-appointed Vicar Kratochvil.

According to the official Catholic gazette, Katolicke Noviny, Monsignor J. Buchta, Vicar of Ceske Budejovice, was replaced by Moscow appointee A. Titman.

The Gray Sisters, Catholic order of nurses, were forced to move from their house in Vrsovice, a suburb of Prague, to the nunnery of Broumov; the house in Vrsovice had been assigned to them after the seizure of their headquarters in the old part of Prague. Sisters of other orders who are needed in the nursing field are under pressure to renounce their religious garb.

CLOSING OF MOSQUES IN RUMANIA ORDERED -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

The Rumanian government has issued orders to close all mosques.

SUPPRESSION OF PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS IN RUMANIA -- Athens, Le Messenger d'Athenes, 10 Nov 53

Up to the present, 2,300 parochial primary schools of the Rumanian Orthodox Church, 24 Orthodox secondary schools, 13 Orthodox seminaries, 3 Orthodox theological faculties, 8 Orthodox cantors' schools, and an academy of religious music have been suppressed in Rumania.

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POLISH CURATE ARRESTED -- Berlin Der Tagesspiegel, 7 Nov 53

Adalbert Zink, chief curate of Warmia, was handcuffed and taken to an unknown destination when 30 officers of the Polish security police recently raided the official residence of the Bishop of Warmia at Łsztyn. Petrusblatt, newspaper of the Catholic diocese of Berlin, also reported that the bishop's files were searched and seized.



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