

Saint Francis Zeno Ranch Will Be Built In Hiroshima



FUKUYAMA, Hiroshima, Feb. 5.—A ranch for mentally-retarded boys projected by Brother Zeno, a white bearded Polish charity worker of the Franciscan Order, will be constructed at Notohara plain, Numakuma-cho, overlooking the scenic Seto Inland Sea.

The Saint Francis Zeno Ranch, to be so named after the brother who is familiar to the Japanese people through his numerous charity campaigns, will become a Japanese version of Boys' Town, where mentally-handicapped boys are taught to feed horses, ducks, and chickens in order to support themselves instead of being a burden to the society.

The brother credited with having created the Ants' Town in a slum district in Tokyo plans to reside at the Father Zeno Memorial Hall to be built at the ranch and spend the rest of his life there. He has served 32 years bringing cheers and material help to needy people of this country.

Brother Zeno inspected Notohara last Friday with Hideo Kanbara, chairman of the Numakuma Commerce and Industry Association who echoed to the brother's project and offered help in finding a suitable site.

They decided the ranch will be constructed at a lot of three hectares on Notohara. They are also planning to open the ranch's productivity section on Yanoshima Isle, two kilometers off Notohara.

(Photo shows Brother Zeno, second from right, inspecting land for the construction of the boys' ranch).

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Gifts For Needy



GIRLS of Atomi Gakuen High School, Otsukamachi, Bunkyo-ku, load a three-wheeler with gifts of books, shoes and other items they have been collecting during their summer holidays for underprivileged children at Nagasaki, Kyushu, and on Oshima, off Tokyo Bay. Brother Zeno Zabrowski, on the three-wheeler, is distributing the gifts.