



Living Santa Claus

NOT all small children believe that Santa Claus really exists. Some think he is a fictitious demi-god and others only a type of sandwichman at the stores. But for those who know Brother Zeno, here is a living sembrance of Santa Claus—Santa Claus with white beard who brings presents every year at Christmas time.

The 66-year-old Polish Catholic Brother who has helped needy people in Japan for many years is again on his year-end trip to Kansai to present food and clothes to the needy who might otherwise have no Christmas cheer at all.

It was only a few weeks ago that Brother Zeno established the first "home for needy people" in Kansai at 5-chome, Azuma-dori, Fukiai-ku, Kobe. He also plans to build there a large home for those totters scattered in the Kyoto-Osaka-Kobe area.

Immediately after his arrival at the Monastery of the Knights of the Holy Mother in Nigawa, Nishinomiya on his recent Kansai visit, he sped to the bank of Muko River where he had located a group of needy people living in small shacks built under a bridge.

After learning the sizes of their clothing Zeno purchased some 100 pieces of wearing apparel, toys, candles and other foods, brought them in a big Santa Claus bag to the river bank. He also visited with some 20 families of rag-pickers living under a bridge at Nakatsu-Hamadori, Oyodo-ku, Osaka.

The well-known Polish Franciscan missionary who has been devoting himself to charity work for 26 years since he came to Japan in 1930 is presently residing at "Seibo-no Kishi" or the Monastery of the Knights of the Holy Mother, 2-chome, Nishigahara, Kita-ku, Tokyo.

He said many people in his own country are also in need of help, but he intends to stay here and help the needy in Japan "until God calls him elsewhere."

"There are several thousand orphans and widows in Tokyo alone. There may be as many such people in this area who shiver from cold and hunger while we sleep in warm beds. How can we leave them unaided?"

"But there are too many needy people for me to help by myself. Please do not throw away usable old clothing but bring them to us. We will distribute the clothing as God's gift."

This is Brother Zeno's challenge to the good citizens of this country. (T. Uematsu).

Relief Goods For Fire Victims



The American Catholic Relief Services in Japan and a Polish Catholic brother have donated relief goods to 200 victims of a fire which destroyed a rag-pickers' colony in Tokyo's Fukagawa around midnight Wednesday.

Mrs. Rosemarie Carmody,

wife of W. B. Carmody, delegate for Japan of the Catholic Relief Services, visited the rag-pickers' colony Thursday afternoon and presented the relief goods to the victims.

The donation included 300 pounds each of men's, women's and children's clothing, 300 pounds of bed-sheets, 250 pounds of powdered milk, 500 pounds of wheat flour and 300 pounds of beans.

During her visit to the colony, Mrs. Carmody met Brother Zeno Zebrowski of the Seibo-no-Kishi Monastery, a Polish Catholic missionary, who also came to the colony to present relief goods to the victims.

Brother Zeno, known as the "best friend" of poor people, donated shoes, clothing, soap and toys to the colony.

Catholic Relief Services have made donations of relief goods to Japanese fire and flood victims since almost immediately after the war. Carmody told the Mainichi Friday that the clothing presented to the Fukagawa rag-pickers Thursday had been collected from American citizens, while the food was from Catholics in the States.

(Photo shows Mrs. Carmody, extreme right, and Brother Zeno, center, presenting relief goods to the fire victims in Fukagawa.)