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Mexican Army Wives Ask Red Teaching Ban

MEXICO CITY (NC)—Wives of soldiers of the regular army have protested to the Ministry of War that teachers sent out by the Ministry of Public Education are engaged in Communist propaganda. These statements have been checked and substantiated by officers at the Libertad and Piedra barracks.

Communist propaganda among the troops has long been a matter of public knowledge but no reference to it was made in the press until this protest was made to the Ministry of War.

The women charge that every effort is being made to enroll soldiers in the Communist Party. The "advantages" of Communism are offered to the soldiers in the form of interest in them, the women state, and the desire that they send their children to school to learn to read and to write, and not to serve God.

"We love the President very much," the protest states, "and we are content with being the families of soldiers, but we do not accept teachers who sow prejudice and children and say that they are doing so in accordance with instructions received from the President of the Republic."

After prolonged and heated discussion in the Chamber of Deputies, the right to strike has been excluded from the Civil Service Act. The majority and minority groups came together for the good of the country, but there is every reason to believe that the slightest discussion may lead to a split in the Chamber. The CEM announced that it was awaiting the return to Mexico of its leader, Vicente Lombardo Toldano, before deciding whether to declare a general strike in protest against the action of the Chamber in eliminating the strike clause.

The Chamber approved the proposal of the Executive Office last night that the right to be granted employees of the National Department since these workers are not considered a part of the Army strictly speaking.

Deputy and Colonel Flores Villar introduced a bill which would protect the workers against the "oppression" of their leaders. At present, the Deputy declared, workers are protected against abuse by employers, there is under study a law to protect Civil Service employees, and laws protect the small property owner in the industrial and mercantile in general, therefore, "there is no reason why workers and peasants should be left unprotected against the management of the leaders who administer farms, advise the workers and at times compromise them by leading them into grave situations."

TEACHER PRAISES FRANCO'S EFFORTS Seeing Opposition To Dictatorship

NEW YORK (NC)—"General Franco is not interested in economic matters, he is interested only in the rehabilitation of the country," according to Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, explorer, geographer and founder of the School of Geography at Harvard University, who has just returned from a visit to Nationalist Spain.

Interviewed at the headquarters of the Spanish National Relief Committee of which he is chairman, Dr. Rice expressed admiration for the work being accomplished under General Franco's Nationalist Government. In Seville alone, he said, there are 10,000 modern homes, equipped with baths, electricity and other conveniences, and the workers at the equivalent of \$110 a month.

Most of the three-quarters of Spain that is under Franco is progressing rapidly, and the territory near the front is being rehabilitated at the Nationalist army pushes forward, he said.

The Spanish soldiers in Franco's army, said Dr. Rice, are between 20 and 25 years of age and men of 30 are sent home to their families to resume their normal occupational and social life of 600,000 men in the Nationalist ranks, 12,000 are Moroccan, who have been in Spain since the outbreak of the war, 4,000 are Italian, and between 4,000 and 7,000 are German, who, for the most part, are technicians and airplane mechanics, he said.

He declared that the outright and cold-blooded murder of more than 600,000 in mass executions (Dr. Rice stated that he has seen pictures of such executions with signed affidavits testifying to their authenticity) has created the problem of caring for orphans and widows. This latter work is being done admirably by the Auxilio Nacional, composed of 400,000 women and founded by Senorita Pilar de Franco de Rivero, whose family has been killed by the Reds, he said. In Madrid alone, according to Dr. Rice, 30,000 were executed between July 18, 1936 and May 1, 1937.

"There has been talk about General Franco's ambitions," Dr. Rice said. "Propaganda on the part of the loyalists is responsible for erroneous belief that General Franco aims at a dictatorship. As a matter of fact, General Franco is a National Socialist. He is interested only in the rehabilitation of the country and its progress under true democratic government."

Dr. Rice continued the Doctor. "General Franco obligated any way he owes nothing either to Germany or to Italy. France has absolutely no ground to fear that these dictatorships will be extended to Spain. He explained that Nationalist Spain is giving its debts to Germany in wheat and to Italy in olive oil and minerals."



The first prize poem and the first prize short story in the national eucharistic contest sponsored by the Chester diocese chapter of Quilt and Scroll, New Orleans, were won by Jean Lamont (upper photo) of Immediate High School, Chicago, and Bernice Herzig, Holy Rosary High School, LaMotte, Iowa. More than 4,000 students in Catholic high schools participated. The contest was designed to promote interest in the Eighth National Eucharistic Congress, to be held at New Orleans, October 17 to 21.

CATHOLIC MEMBERS IN UNIONS FORM New Detroit Body, N. Y. Defense Group

DETROIT (NC)—Formation of a Detroit chapter of the Association of Catholic Trade Unions has been announced.

The ACTU, which will seek to enroll every Catholic labor union member in a city-wide organization, has for its aims to foster trade unionism as a Christian work of mercy, to spread the Papal teachings on labor and to combat Communism racketeering and other un-Christian influences within the unions. Membership is open to all Catholics who belong to bona fide labor unions whether A. F. of L., C. I. O. or independent.

Permission to start the work here has been obtained from the Most Rev. Edward Monev Archbishop of Detroit, it is stated. The Rev. Sebastian Brucher, O. P. M. of St. Ignace College has been named the chaplain.

Pending the election of permanent officers, Paul Weber, president of the Detroit Newspaper Guild, has been chosen provisional chairman and Paul St. Marie has been selected to serve as provisional secretary. Members of both the A. F. of L. and C. I. O. unions are enrolled in the ACTU.

The ACTU is not a labor union but an organization of Catholic members of unions.

Aids in Work Disputes
 NEW YORK (NC)—The Catholic Labor Defense League recently organized through the efforts of the Association of Catholic Trade Unions to offer legal advice and services to needy union members involved in disputes or litigation arising out of trade union activities has 25 members.

The League has three divisions: a weekly legal defense work which opens to union members on proper functioning of the courts on questions involving constitution and by laws, and the operation of a legislative committee to study and offer recommendations on labor legislation.

To date it is stated by George R. Donohue, the secretary, the League has been active in more than 1,000 cases. Its lawyers have succeeded in the release of 100 members of the League who have been arrested during working hours. The League, Mr. Donohue said, will handle all cases of labor and civil liberties cases involving a labor union where the need of the individual and the justice of the cause has been certified.

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U. S. FIGHTERS SAY Reds Here Sent Them To Spain

NEW YORK (NC)—Estimating that between 4,000 and 4,500 Americans crossed the Atlantic to fight for the Loyalists in Spain, William P. Carney declared in Monday's New York Times that "it is quite possible that at least 100,000 were provided by some agency or agencies for traveling expenses, for not more than 200 or 300 are likely to have paid or worked their own way."

Mr. Carney, a New York Times correspondent, makes this statement in a story dealing in general with the Loyalist cause. He says that some 80 Americans captured while fighting for the Loyalists in a camp at San Pedro de Cardena.

"The soldiers," says Mr. Carney, "were excellent at answering a question as to just who had supplied the funds for them to come to Spain. They explained that they understood that the responsible persons in the United States might be liable to prosecution and that they had all sworn never to give this information."

When told that there could be no prosecution unless the names of the persons who furnished them and the agency which recruited them could be produced in court, the prisoners answered the question, Mr. Carney states.

"They declared," he says, "that with the exception of the five who had paid or worked their way over, all had been sent by the Communist Party in the United States, or one of the organizations working with the party, such as the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy or the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade."

Leftist Spain Continues Drive

NEW YORK (NC)—"Scop," a new novel by Evelyn Waugh has been selected for July by the Catholic Book Club. "Scop" is published by Little, Brown and Company here.

The Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S. J. Dean of the Graduate School of Georgetown University and a member of the Catholic Book Club's Board of Editors, reviews "Scop" in the Club's Newsletter and says that "this hilarious satire on international news reporting has the timeliness of the latest sensation."

He adds that although it is as secular as anything that has been written this year, it is nevertheless "a deeply Catholic book." He said it is founded squarely on reason and common sense, a unique Catholic note in these mad days of sentimentality; it has the virtue of clarity; it is clear-eyed.

"Not since 'Father Malabrada's Miracle' has such a load of wind, some fun come from a Catholic pen," Father Parsons adds. "And, unlike that masterpiece, this piece of funny business, in spite of Mr. Waugh's past, contains no noxious weeds between the covers."

PEKING—Eight young priests who have been studying the language for the past year at Scheut House in Peking have just been assigned to various Northern Missions.

These particular newspapermen said that there are some Catholic services being held privately in Barcelona by Basque priests, the buildings are used for the use of Basque refugees. It is these services, and the propaganda activities of certain suspended priests such as Father Juan Villar, whose office are in the Generalitat of Propaganda at Barcelona, and a Father Lobo, that the Negri Government is exploiting to "show" its new "tolerance" towards religion. Few Catholics, if any, attend these services, however, because these would automatically be suspected of being Nationalist sympathizers, said those with whom we talked.

Several of the persons interviewed said the Spanish Marxist Government would be willing to compromise with the Catholic

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 and settlement. Where such means of settlement are available, it would greatly facilitate the work of the committees which we represent in organizing the generous cooperation of the Catholic body.

Finally, we believe that nothing would ultimately be of greater value in proving the increase of the volume of human suffering with which we are concerned and promoting international goodwill than a clear recognition of the fundamental rights of human beings, especially to live their own lives to worship God and to educate their children according to their convictions. For it is the denial of these rights which creates the tragic problem of refugees.

Look For Refugees
 The memorandum also suggested that other governments, with German cooperation establish a fund from which refugees could obtain visas to leave their own land and settlements. It stated that the fundamental rights of human beings to "live their own lives to worship God and to educate their children according to their convictions" are the basis of the League's program of relief.

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