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Vatican City Daily Defends Finland; Hits Soviet

Around The World

RESIGNS AS EDITOR
PARIS.—Jean Guiraud who, with Abbe Merklen, has served for some years as Editor-in-Chief of the Catholic newspaper Paris Catho-

NUNS REFINE OIL
MALABON, P. I.—Oil refining is the latest project undertaken by the Maryknoll Sisters who have conducted a school here since 1926.

MOTHER, DAUGHTERS NUNS
HONG KONG.—A mother and two of her daughters are members of the same religious congregation. It was disclosed when Sister Cecile, of the Sisters of Our Lady of the Angels, pronounced her perpetual vows before the Most Rev. Henry Valotta, Vicar General of Hong Kong.

FIRST HOSPITAL
DUBLIN.—At the dedication of two new hospitals in Killarney it was recalled that the present Cathedral was actually Killarney's first hospital nearly a century ago when the Cathedral was being constructed, it was temporarily converted into a hospital because of the widespread disease consequent upon the Great Famine.

QUEEN MOTHER HONOURED
BRUSSELS.—Elizabeth, the Queen Mother of Belgium, has been awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Montpellier, France.

CHURCH BELLS STILL
COLOGNE.—Church bells in the Rhineland no longer summon the faithful to prayer. The reason given is that the ringing of the bells might interfere with air-raid warnings.

BODY IN MADRID
MADRID.—The funeral cortege bearing the remains of Jose Antonio Primo de Rivera, founder of the Spanish Falange, from Alicante where he was executed by the Communist Government during the Civil War, to the Escorial for final burial, reached this city Thursday.

AUSTRIA CHURCH SUFFERS
LONDON.—The Church in Austria is suffering from intense poverty, owing to the withdrawal on May 1st of the Government subsidy of several millions of marks, and the Bishops have decided to introduce a system of voluntary taxation of Catholics for the support of the clergy, says a message received here from Holland.

Blowup Churches in Poland

VATICAN CITY (NC) L'Osservatore Romano, reporting the impressions of a Polish refugee who witnessed the Soviet occupation of Pinsk, Lwow and Cottock, says one of the first acts of the Russians at Pinsk was to blow up the Jesuit church and house under the pretense they had sheltered sharpshooters.

AYC Is 'Red' Says Member

Admits He Helped Dupe Americans

WASHINGTON.—(NC)—Charges that Communists have dominated the American Youth Congress, and that this organization is a Communist "front" group, were made last week before the Dies Committee investigating un-American activities in this country.

He was converted to Communism in 1934 after graduation from high school. Mr. Howeswick said he said he had not wanted to take the American Youth Congress assignment from the party, but that "discipline is discipline." He attended Communist training school in Michigan, became an agitator and strike leader, a candidate for the State Legislature, a publicity director and a recruiter of volunteers for service with the "Loyalist" in Spain, he said.

Mr. Ryan, asserting that he had been a member of the Communist party for ten years, told the Dies Committee that the American League for Peace and Democracy, the American Negro Congress, the Friends of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade and the National Committee for Aid of Spanish Democracy are controlled by the Communist party.

Mr. Ryan's wife, an Austrian-born woman who came to the United States in 1921, testified that she became a naturalized citizen of the United States eight years later and that she too had been a member of the Communist party. She detailed for the Committee some

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Makes Plea For Labor Unity

NEW ORLEANS.—A plea for labor unity was made by the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, at a meeting of the New Orleans Central Trades and Labor Council here.

At Lwow, some churches were destroyed entirely, and there were summary executions and wholesale deportations. The possession of a Ukrainian flag was certain cause for violent reprisals and the Ukrainians, who expected aid from Moscow for the realization of their dream of national unity, have fared no better than the Poles.

NATIONAL HONOR



REV. FRANCIS J. LANE

Father Lane Heads U. S. Prison Chaplains

ELMHURST.—Officially releasing the names of the officers elected to head its 1940 organization, the American Prison Association this week notified Rev. Francis J. Lane, Catholic Chaplain of the Elmhurst Reformatory, that he had been elected president of the Prison Chaplains Association.

110 Stations Carry 'Ave Maria' Hour

GARRISON, N. Y.—A novelty in religious broadcasting is being sponsored this month by the "Ave Maria Hour" in conjunction with more than 110 radio stations throughout the country. The "Ave Maria Hour" is sponsored by the Franciscan Fathers of the Americas.

Cardinal Says Mass For French Soldiers

PARIS.—A regiment is lodged in the buildings of the Ecole Militaire here. One of the soldiers a priest, celebrates Mass in the college chapel every morning for the intention of his regiment. But on Sunday both privates and officers were surprised to see on the altar instead of their comrade His Eminence Jean Cardinal Verdier, Archbishop of Paris.

Guild Holds Pitch To Combat Cult's Effect

NEW ORLEANS.—Before the Catholic Evidence Guild of New Orleans could carry into effect its plan to hold a demonstration pitch in a hotel of the city with the Most Rev. Joseph F. Rummel, Archbishop of New Orleans, attending, and with members of the guild filling the role of hecklers, as well as instructors, it was called upon to hold a real pitch with real hecklers.

Russia Is 'Out' Of 1940 'Fair'

New York Times Scores Red Abuse

NEW YORK.—That the Soviet Exhibit is not wanted at the New York Fair in 1940 is emphatically declared by the New York Times in an editorial captioned "The Red Star Comes Down."

"After the events of the last few weeks the Government of Russia would be an unwelcome and unwelcome visitor at an exposition undertaken in a spirit of mutual confidence and good-will. If there is to be a display of Russian art on Flushing Meadow, let it take the form of an exhibition by the Poles and of the work done in blood-drenched streets and homes by a Government that bombs unprotected villages and open towns."

"Through the shock one thing is clear however: Finland, the victim of aggression is not the big casualty of this brazen war."

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Priest Saves Hosts In \$150,000 Fire

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"The soul of these people, as Your Excellency noted, is deeply penetrated with the Christian spirit and this is why the Government which they gave themselves, is wisely making it a duty to recognize for the Church in the preaching of the evangelic doctrine, in the education of youth, in the beneficial activity for the social, moral and spiritual life of all the classes of the nation, that liberty of action which in its results is of advantage to society no less than to the Church."

"With the joy that we feel in receiving you, a painful contrast is formed by the external events, universal source of preoccupation, whose economic consequences are being felt as far as other continents and seas. The only way the great human family above all that of the faithful in Christ, impose on peoples happily preserved from war the obligation of interesting themselves in those who suffer and precor from the moral and purely human basis they accept the supreme authority of the Creator as a basis of all individual and collective morality and if they render that Father Who is in Heaven the homage wished by Him of a fraternal concord between His children of all countries and languages. Then only will they succeed in effectuating and perfecting a

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Bishop Urges Devotions To Our Lady For Peace

Feast of St. Francis Xavier, 1939

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As a special supplication, on Sunday, December 10, I authorize one solemn votive Mass of the Immaculate Conception in each church in view of the grave situation existing in the world today with its consistent threat to our own peace and prosperity.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ, BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

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Contrasts Two World Appeals

Says Russia World Policy Unchanged

VATICAN CITY.—(NC)—Up-holding the rights of Eastern Finland, a country in which there is not even one Catholic Diocese, L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily paper in taking Soviet Russia to task for its attack on Finland.

A World torn by strife and war is steadily becoming a world of ever wider frontiers, grasped at by the nations of the world from an unbridled and unbridled desire to seek for its attack on Finland.

"L'Osservatore Romano" stands on the Russian-Finnish struggle therefore is gaining wide attention. The paper is growing in circulation and is being more extensively read.

This daily paper of Vatican City—a State not open to suspicion as a potential "aggressor nation"—would not easily succumb to the temptation of the press in other countries to accept propaganda, as seen, or even to conduct the war, ethical and neutral.

Although in its presentation and discussion of actual news, it is the daily paper of Vatican City, it is the daily paper of the Vatican, the voice of the Holy See, the voice of the Catholic world, naturally, it is bound to be highly ethical as well as neutral.

On strictly religious and moral grounds, L'Osservatore Romano is anti-Communist and anti-Nazi, but it is not antagonistic to the Russian nation, nor is it unkind of the plight of the German people that made Nazism possible.

L'Osservatore Romano decries the partition of Catholic Poland by two powers, but is equally outspoken in defense of the rights of Lutheran Finland, a country in which there is not even one Catholic Diocese. It is a sympathetic ally of the German people who are struggling to preserve their nationality with those of Catholic Belgium.

Soviet Demands Rejected

Early in the month L'Osservatore stated that a recent article in Pravda attacking Finland, and Molotov's address setting forth the Soviet attitude showed that the demands being made upon Finland were even heavier than those made upon the other Baltic States, and that the meeting of these demands would practically put an end to the independence of Finland.

It observed further that although Finland was disposed to treat, the menacing tone of Molotov in declaring that the Soviet demands constituted only a minimum, made negotiation impossible.

Molotov's speech, L'Osservatore commented in another issue, "contains some truth and a long series of falsehoods." The first of the falsehoods cited is that Russian troops entered Poland "when the State had ceased to exist."

The Vatican City daily points out that "two-thirds of Poland had not yet been occupied and at least half of the population was still independent" when a Soviet, Khrushchev, "struck a heroic resistance in back."

A Second Lie

The second untruth cited is the "spirit of friendship" and "reciprocal assistance" of the pact signed with Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

On receiving word that the film was being shown in a Midwestern city and being informed that it was stated in newspaper advertising that the picture revealed "religious fanaticism, who inflict excruciating tortures" and whip young girls, Father Kupper advanced such statements as utterly false. Making known that he has lived among the Penitentes for more than 20 years, Father Kupper said hidden in New Mexico.

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