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Confession Denied — Sterilization Hit God and the Russians — K. of C. In War

Million Russ Believe In God

Services Still Held, Says Writer

NEW YORK (NC)—Millions in Soviet Russia continue to believe in God and to participate, to the extent possible in religious services...

Among these worshippers are ill workers, manual and intellectual, young persons and even members of the ruling officials.

"Recent events in Soviet Russia," the article says, "point to a highly complex situation. The war in religion is not yet over, as the existence of the Godless Union and the publication of the paper prove..."

"Communism, as taught by Marx and Lenin, was incompatible with Christianity. Hence, a struggle between the two was inevitable; and, the active part being played by Communism, the struggle assumed the form of religious persecution."

"The first was a period of persecution in the strict sense. Bishops, priests and sometimes lay members of the Church were sentenced to death, imprisonment or exile..."

"The obvious failure of direct persecution impelled the Communist Government to change its methods. Direct attack was replaced by a policy of gradual strangulation."

"Firstly, the so-called religious freedom was limited to the performance of religious rites within church buildings. Article 17 of the decree of April 8, 1929, forbade religious associations..."

"Secondly, the status of social inferiority was extended from the clergy to the whole active membership of the churches. Without the publication of any law or decree, the practice was introduced of curbing the promotion of believers to posts in the State administration or in the professions."

"Thirdly, instead of a complete ban on religious education, there was introduced direct anti-religious education. One of the causes of the failure of the anti-religious campaign to make greater progress in Russia is the extremely low intellectual level of the atheistic propagandists, the article states."

NAZI PAPER ATTACKS 'OSSERVATORE ROMANO'

BERLIN—Wille und Macht, organ of the Hitler Youth personally directed by Baldur von Schirach has devoted an article to the Italian attitude in which it attacks 'L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily.

"The problem of Russian politics," Wille und Macht says, "has become very delicate since the war in Spain and the conclusion of the Anti-Komintern Pact, but nevertheless Fascism will not allow its foreign policy to be influenced by propaganda within the country."

Crew And Passengers Of Burned Ship Make Pilgrimage To Shrine

GENOVA—The officers, crew and passengers of the Italian ship Oratorio, which burned in the Mediterranean, made a pilgrimage of thanksgiving to the Marian sanctuary of Mont Figogna. They were accompanied by hundreds of relatives. The pilgrimage was led by members of the crew who were aboard the Oratorio.

AT A K. OF C. CANADIAN ARMY HUT



Rosaries and prayer books are distributed at one of the Knights of Columbus Canadian Army Huts, at Windsor, Ontario, Ontario. Pictured, left to right: Grand Knight G. W. Cronin, of Windsor Council; Private E. Pearson and Sergeant-Major W. J. Weston of the 2nd West Middlesex Trench and Chaplain M. J. Doherty. (NCW)

Noted Gynecologist Flays Sterilization As Vicious

LONDON, Canada—(N. C.)—Sterilization is assailed and the Ottawa Medico-Chirurgical Society chided here by Dr. C. Telephore Kink, noted gynecologist of Ottawa, in an open letter published in the Catholic Record here.

German Bishops Exempt Faithful From Lenten Fast

BERLIN.—In view of the stringent food rationing now imposed on the German people because of the war, the German Hierarchy has decreed that all the faithful are relieved of the obligation of fast and abstinence during this season of Lent. The faithful are invited to offer up their sufferings and privations in a true spirit of penance.

Mexico Probes Red Activities

MEXICO CITY.—The Ministry of Gobernacion has ordered a "minute investigation of Socialist agents alleged to be in Mexico for the purpose of reorganizing the Mexican Communist Party."

"This action follows publication in the press of 'secret orders' said to have been issued to Communist leaders in Mexico. 'Be on the alert and propagate in Mexico that President Cardenas is with the Rightists; purge the Mexican Revolutionary Party, the Communist Party and all labor groups. Do not attack the German Government or the members of Nazism in Mexico, but combat American imperialism with Roosevelt at its head.'"

"The purging of the M. R. P. is reported, is to get rid of a group of professors and politicians whose sole interest is their personal gain. Certain labor organizations, such as the C. T. M. and the F. R. O. C., the Communist Party and all labor groups, are to be purged into political machines for the 'individual aims' of leaders and 'with grave prejudice to the proletariat.'"

STREET FESTIVALS BARRED BY SPANISH GOVERNMENT

MADRID—Street festivals known as fiestas del Carnaval, and noted for their grossness and moral laxity, are now prohibited by law. They are not in keeping with the austerity of Christian customs which are being resorted to Spain. On the other hand, the Government's encouragement of religious ceremonies is not limited to Catholic functions. Extraordinary solemnity will mark the Fiestas Grande, the Easter service of the Moslems of Morocco. General Franco has just received a delegation of Moslem officials who came to Madrid to thank the government for the new mosque built at Casca. A son of the Caliph is a student at Madrid.

General Franco, personally, has given 300 sheep for the Easter ceremonies and also others for distribution among the poor. The ceremonies last eight days. The Moslems not only enjoy religious freedom under the new Government, but are encouraged in the observance of their religious ceremonies. The same is true of the Jews.

Partiality Shown To Non-Catholic Teachers

SAGRES.—District evidence of the partiality shown non-Catholic teachers in Sagres public schools is revealed in 1939 school statistics for the western section of the Bana. At Backs, there were 22,000 Catholics and only 200 non-Catholic pupils, but there were 25 non-Catholic as compared with 24 Catholic teachers. In the boys' high school at Subotica, there were only six Catholic professors—40 less than the non-Catholic members of the faculty—although there were only 25 less Catholic students: Catholics 638, non-Catholics 663. A similar disparity was found in statistics for the girls' high school: Catholic students 218, non-Catholic 272; Catholic teachers 4, non-Catholic 23.

Bar Confession From Prisoners

Nazi Authorifies Censor Sermons

AMSTERDAM (NC)—Prisoners of war in Nazi Germany are not permitted to go to Confession and may not have sermons unless by special permission of the military authorities, according to information received here. The military authorities, it also is stated, reserve the right to censor sermons before they are delivered to prisoners.

Catholic prisoners, it is stated, are permitted to attend Masses only when there are no sermons and no Mass attendance on week days is permitted as a rule. The permission to attend Masses on Sunday may also be denied, if the military authorities see fit, advice received here. In no case are war prisoners permitted to attend sermons jointly with the civilian population.

All of these rules, it was said, apply primarily to Polish prisoners, virtually all of whom are Catholics. They are engaged in forced labor under Nazi supervision.

Requisitioning of Churches The German Hierarchy has also been informed that churches may be requisitioned by the military authorities, when they are situated in zones of war activity. They would then be used as military barracks and could not be released, even temporarily, for divine services. Theatrical and motion picture entertainment for troops might be held in them.

Contrary to all previous practice, priests are now called for army chaplains in Germany. Restrictions have been raised against the use of motor cars by the clergy, even when they require such transportation in urgent cases in pursuit of their calling.

"Quickborn," one of the foremost Catholic youth organizations of Germany, who formed a leader was Dr. Romano Guardini, professor of theology at the University of Berlin, has been suppressed by the Nazi police. All of its properties were confiscated.

In a Pastoral Letter, His Eminence Adolf Cardinal Bertram, Archbishop of Breslau, notes that Germany faces a struggle which is accentuated by "the most serious danger of agitation by those who talk of God, but who do not accept the teachings of the Revelation of the true Lord."

ST. PETER'S BASILICA IS THROGON ON EASTER

Every Easter Sunday morning, the Vatican Basilica seems to be the goal of virtually all of Rome. From early morning men, women and children, dressed in their best, from all parts of the Eternal City to the Vatican. There is a steady stream of people across the Tiber, all directing their steps to St. Peter's Basilica. The great Basilica is soon filled. Nobility and distinguished personages from all sections of Europe are there when times are normal. Pilgrims from all parts of the world are present, if unrest has not disrupted the flow of travel. Rich and poor, great and lowly are gathered together under the Basilica's magnificent dome.

To witness the Easter Sunday services in the Vatican Basilica, beginning with the magnificent procession which escorts the Holy Father into the majestic edifice, is an unforgettable privilege. It will also be interesting to witness, following the Mass, the enthusiastic acclaim with which thousands upon thousands of persons gathered in St. Peter's Square greet the appearance of the Sovereign Pontiff on the balcony, and to see the reverence with which so vast a multitude will eagerly receive the blessing of the Pope.

Mass Said At Andes 16,400 Feet Above Sea

BUENOS AIRES—Mass at the height of 16,400 feet in the Andes mountains was celebrated by a priest who forms part of the expedition which is attempting to scale the Aconcagua peak in the Province of Mendoza.

Mexicans Aid Spain Churches

MEXICO CITY.—The Rev. Arturo Huguet has presented to the Most Rev. Luis M. Martinez, Archbishop of Mexico, a letter from His Eminence Jaime Cardinal Goma y Tamarit, Primate of Spain, asking that Father Huguet be permitted to solicit contributions in Mexico for the reconstruction of Spanish churches. Father Huguet came to Mexico from Guatemala where he had been engaged in the same work. A benefit given here for Father Huguet's fund was attended especially by members of the Spanish Colony. A committee representing the Spanish Colony of the Capital is negotiating with Mexican officials for the return to Spain of some 500 children deported to Mexico by the Lefista Government during the civil war. At present, the Mexican Government has decided to allow only the families or close relatives of Spanish refugees already in Mexico to immigrate here. Later it will authorize entrance of a group of persons selected from among the refugees. Two of the Spanish leaders, Alvarez del Vayo and Jose Alvaro were recent luncheon guests of President Lázaro Cardenas. General Jose Maria "defender of Madrid," has taken out Mexican citizenship papers.

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