

NATIONAL NEWS

Bishop Hurley Flays German Persecution Of People Of Poland

ST. LEO, Fla.—(NC)—The excesses to which the German conquerors are going in their treatment of the Polish nation call back the worst of the pagan persecution of the early Christians, the Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, declared in an address today to the priests of his diocese in meeting at St. Leo's Abbey here.

The Nazi authorities, Bishop Hurley said, have erected a wall of censorship around Poland, but "enough of the story is seeping out to make us stare aghast at the depth and thoroughness of the effort to exterminate all that is best in the Polish people—their religion, their culture, their national traditions."

Asserting that the system that has operated to date has made Poland a nation of serfs completely subject to the arbitrary will of a ruthless conqueror, His Excellency declared that all the natural rights of the Polish people have been taken from them.

Bishop Hurley directed that Masses be offered and prayers recited in all churches next Sunday for the suffering people of Poland.

Wall of Censorship
"As Catholic priests," Bishop Hurley said, "we must not forget Poland. What has happened, what is at this moment happening, in that country, calls back the worst excesses of pagan persecution against the early Christians. We cannot be silent about this shame to our common humanity just because the Nazis desire it so. They have erected a wall of censorship around the chancel house which Poland has become so that they may wreak, unseen by the rest of the world, their irreligious will against one of the most Christian peoples of Europe. They love the darkness rather than the light because their works are evil."

In spite of a diabolically clever organization, enough of the situation is seeping through to make us stand aghast at the depth and thoroughness of the effort to exterminate all that is best in the Polish people—their religion, their culture, their national traditions. Dr. Frank has given us an inkling of the fate which is in store for all Europe and for America, too. If the Nazi power should triumph in the contest of strength which is now in progress, the Government General in Poland he said on November 2, 1940, represents the best example of the system which will be introduced into the countries of the new Europe directed by greater Germany.

What that system as it has operated to date is the made of Poland a nation of serfs completely subject to the arbitrary will of a ruthless conqueror. All the natural rights of the people have been taken from them. Liberty and security of person no longer exists, the right to acquire or to retain private property has been abolished and restricted. Tens of thousands of Polish families ejected without compensation from their homes in order to make room for the German colonists. Polish culture is everywhere being destroyed, the Polish language in many places, has been proscribed. Thousands of Polish patriots have been shot or tortured to death simply because of their education, their industry, their patriotism, made the Nazi fear that they would become centers around which the Polish people might rally. Tens of thousands of other political leaders have been herded off to the living death of Oranienburg, Dachau, and other concentration camps.

Campaign of Debauchery
"A systematic campaign has been started to debauch the remnants of the Polish nation. The young men are deported to Germany and set to labor at the heaviest tasks in the war industry. There and in Poland, they are deliberately enticed into the vice of alcoholism for the purpose of ruining their character and their morale. Girls of respectability are snatched from the bosom of their families to serve the lusts of the Reich soldier both in Poland and in Germany, and cases are known of these pitiful children being shot like dogs when exhaustion and disease have rendered them useless for this degraded service."

"Churches are closed or permitted to be open for service only at strictly limited hours, so that even the consolations of religion are denied or rationed to these tragic people. Countless Bishops and priests have been subjected to indignity and forced to perform revolting tasks. Thousands more of these priests have been arrested and sent to the dread concentration camps. A number which we cannot calculate exactly has been tortured and done to death. Churches have been profaned by the Gestapo and the soldiers, who have donned sacred vestments, caricatured sacred ceremonies, and shot the very Crucifixes from the walls."

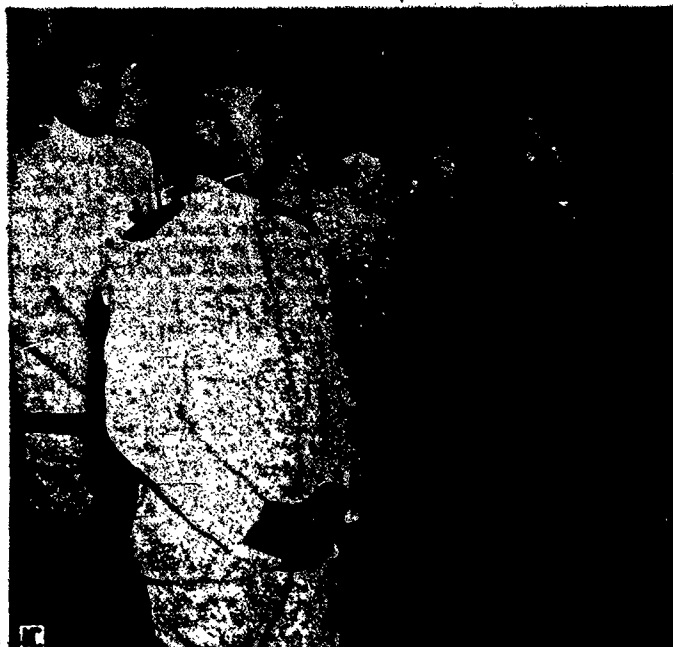
"An effort has been made to turn the Poles against the one whom they most love and revere, the Holy Father, by spreading the rumor that he is in complete accord with the Nazi terror in Poland. The words of Pope Pius XI are being every day fulfilled: 'There is no longer a question of a Kulturkampf; this is a Vernichtungskampf—this is not a cultural struggle—it is a war of annihilation.'"

Field Mass For Peace
Dubuque, Ia.—In accordance with the appeal of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, a Field Mass for peace will be held in Loras Stadium here on Sunday, June 22.

Pronouncements
Kearney, Neb.—In an impressive ceremony in the Carmelite Sisters Chapel of the Corpus Christi, final vows were pronounced by Sister Teresa Maguire, formerly Teresa Scheller of Springfield, O.

St. Simon Stylites lived atop a column in the desert.

BISHOP VISITS NAVAL AIR STATION



Most Rev. Joseph P. Hurley, Bishop of St. Augustine, pictured with a special guard of honor at the U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla., where he celebrated Mass and preached to 800 officers, nurses and men. (U.S. Navy Photo.)

Central Verein Convention Opens In New York, Aug. 16

Outstanding members of the Hierarchy will participate in the 88th annual convention of the Catholic Central Verein of America and the silver jubilee convention of the National Catholic Women's Union, both to be conducted in New York City on August 16-20.

Six of the prelates in attendance will take an active part in the program.

Eastern Rites Eucharistic Congress Set

CHICAGO—First National Eucharistic Congress of the Eastern Rites will be conducted from June 25 to June 29 at St. Nicholas Church, Oakley Blvd. and Rice St., Chicago, Ill.

Host to the Congress will be the Most Rev. Constantine Bohachevsky, D.D., Ordinary of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Diocese in the United States.

Following the solemn opening on Wednesday, June 25, there will be a Solemn Mass in the Chaldean Rite celebrated by the Very Rev. Francis Thomas.

Highlighting the Thursday procession will be a Solemn Outdoor Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament to the Field Altar, St. Nicholas Park at 9 p. m. and a Solemn Pontifical Mass of the Byzantine Rite at 12 midnight.

Pontifical Masses, devotions and sectional meetings are scheduled for Friday and Saturday.

The Solemn Closing will be marked by the Solemn Pontifical Mass over which His Excellency the Most Rev. Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the United States will preside.

DETROIT ACTU HEAD SCORES 'RED' STRIKES
DETROIT—The declaration that "the hour has come to end the cancer of Communism and the labor movement is ready for the operation" was contained in a message which Frank Weber, president of the Detroit Association of Catholic Trade Unionists, has sent to Phillip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The message gave the "unqualified support" of the Detroit ACTU to the CIO head in his stand against the strikes at the North American Aviation Company, Inglewood, Calif., and in the lumber industry in the Northwest.

Named At Lisbon
London—The Very Rev. Msgr. Umberto Mozzoni, secretary of the Apostolic Delegation here, has been transferred to the Nunciature at Lisbon, where he will be secretary.

100 Years Old
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and awards from Bishop Kearney in an impressive ceremony at St. Patrick's Church, Elmira, Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, June 22. The 17 girls and 15 boys in the class will be presented by the Rev. William A. Burns, principal. Lawrence Lodico is Valedictorian of the class and Bernard Ryll, Salutatorian.

Other honor students are: Pauline Peck, Chealove Sarpello, Elizabeth Battersby, Isabelle Gerrity, Evelyn Riordan, Rosemary Burns, Joan Danitra, Elizabeth Cross, Evelyn Gilroy, Jeanne Driscoll, Helen McInerney and Robert Peel. Mass in Geneva. De Sales High School seniors of the number 74 boys and girls will be graduated following Mass to be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Kearney, in St. Francis de Sales Church, Geneva, at 10:45 A. M., Sunday, June 22. For the first time, the graduates

OREGON SCHOOLS POLES PERSECUTED

Oregon Court Blocks Scheme To Void Free Textbook Law

PORTLAND, Ore.—(NC)—For the third time in recent years, the highest courts of the State of Oregon have declared in favor of a Catholic interpretation of laws that bear upon educational policies. In this instance, the Supreme Court of Oregon has given a decision which in effect will give free text books to the pupils of all the Oregon grade schools.

The first of recent legal battles, was fought on the so-called Oregon School Bill, which was declared unconstitutional, first by the United States District Court at Oregon then by the Supreme Court of the United States. This bill would have made it impossible for parents to send their grade school children to any other but public tax-supported schools. The law itself was passed by the voters of Oregon as an initiative measure in 1922.

Later came the Portland "soning ordinance" which would have made it impossible to erect a church or schools in any but business or warehouse sections of the city. This issue was fought in the State District Court at Oregon then by the Supreme Court of the United States. This bill would have made it impossible for parents to send their grade school children to any other but public tax-supported schools. The law itself was passed by the voters of Oregon as an initiative measure in 1922.

The present instance has reference to a law passed by the State Legislature in February. This bill extended the use of free text books to pupils attending any "standard elementary school" in the State of Oregon. To be accounted a standard, it is necessary that the teachers have teaching certificates from State educational authorities. In reality this involves but little effort on the part of parochial schools for the reason that most of the teaching Sisters in this State already have this authorization.

After the passage of this free text book bill, an effort was made to invoke a referendum against the measure. An organization styling itself the "Association Against Public Taxes for Private Schools" applied for and secured a ballot title and began to solicit the required number of signatures in order to put the referendum on the ballot at the next election in November, 1942. This would automatically have held up the law granting free text books to all children in Oregon standard schools, until the referendum had been voted upon.

The official title given to the referendum measure was "Bill providing free text books for private elementary schools." Declaring that this title was misleading and prejudicial, State Senator Rex Ellis, (Umatilla County) and Representative Allen Mason (Wagon County) filed a petition with the Supreme Court asking that another and a correct title be substituted for the one originally assigned.

As a result of this was that the State Supreme Court of Oregon by a unanimous vote ordered a new

50,000 'Why' Leaflets Sent To Army Camps
CONCEPTION, Mo.—Literally swamped with requests from Army Chaplains for copies of his "Why" leaflets, the Rev. Richard Felix, O.S.B., Director of the Defenders of the Faith, is sending them out at the rate of 50,000 a week. The Defenders of the Faith now publish more than 150 different leaflets which answer over 400 of the more important questions on religion asked by non-Catholics. The total output of leaflets to missionary units all over the country has reached the million a month mark.

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Safety Pioneer



Monsignor John A. McKeever, pastor of St. Martin's Church, Akron, Ohio, who was presented with a gold cross and chain, by the American Automobile Association, in recognition of his service in originating the schoolboy traffic patrol system, which now protects more than 4,000,000 school children throughout the United States. (U.S. Navy Photo, R. M. G. M.)

ballot title for the referendum petitions attacking the free textbook law and, by his action, invalidated all signatures so far obtained on the petitions.

Inasmuch as sponsors of the referendum would then have been to secure a total of 1,000 certified names by June 14, the move to place the measure on the ballot appears doomed.

Senator Ellis and Representative Carson introduced the textbook bill in the legislature. New Ballot Title. The supreme court's short ballot title reads: "Bill to provide text books for pupils attending standard elementary schools." The former ballot title read: "Bill providing free textbooks for private elementary schools."

18 To Be Ordained As Mission Priests

MARYKNOLL, N. Y.—Eighteen young men will be ordained as priests of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America in Seminary Chapel here Sunday. The Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will officiate.

St. Catherine of Siena was a stigmatica.

First Colored Priest Ordained In Capital

WASHINGTON—The Rev. Charles Bell, D.D., said to be the first colored priest ordained here, celebrated his first Mass in St. Augustine's Church, his native parish, yesterday morning. Father Bell was ordained in the crypt of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on the Catholic University campus, last Tuesday. He made his studies at Holyway Apostolic College, Newburgh, N. Y., and at St. Joseph's Seminary, here.

Offers Regimen for Brother New York—More than 1,000 attended a solemn requiem Mass in the Church of St. Vincent Ferrer here celebrated by the Very Rev. John A. Nowlen, O.F. Prior and Pastor, for his brother, the Very Rev. Joseph C. Nowlen, O.F. Prior and Pastor of the Church of the Holy Name, Philadelphia.

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