

Orthodox Leader Repudiates Newly Named Moscow Patriarch

The recently elected Patriarch of Moscow, primate of the Russian Orthodox Church, has been rejected by Archimandrite Barnabas of New York City and a pledge of loyalty to the Soviet State has been refused by the Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church of North America.

The "spiritual primacy" of Archbishop Sergius, recently elected Patriarch of Moscow by a Russian Synod with permission of the Stalin government, is not recognized by the Russian Orthodox Church of the United States, according to Right Rev. Archimandrite Barnabas of the Russian Orthodox Cathedral of the Ascension, New York City.

Revealing his stand in a letter published in "The Lamp," Franciscan monthly, Archimandrite Barnabas states in part: "There can be no Ecumenical Patriarch of Moscow, under the present circumstances, since the original Russian Church is in exile, and no Patriarch for Moscow can be proclaimed until a Canonical Sobor is called by the original Russian Church now in exile, and not by small groups broken away from the original Russian Church."

MONTREAL.—(NC) Metropolitan Archbishop Theophilus, Primate of the Russian Orthodox Church of North America, in an interview with the Montreal Star, a daily secular newspaper, said the Orthodox Church of North America had refused the demand of the Soviet State for the imposition of loyalty to the Soviet State.

Archbishop Theophilus was quoted in the interview as saying that the Orthodox Church of North America has administrative autonomy, although it recognizes the spiritual primacy of the Russian Patriarch.

"Loyalty to the State by all citizens is taught by our Church and hence we in North America must insist on our faithful being loyal to their governments, namely Canada and the United States," he said.

"We of the Church in North America cannot therefore accept loyalty to the Russian Government because we are citizens of Canada or the United States."

Mother Cabrini Canonization Cause Nears End

VATICAN CITY (NC-Radio) — The last step preceding the actual canonization of Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is scheduled to take place on Jan. 11, when the Cardinals of the Sacred Congregation of Rites will meet in the presence of His Holiness Pope Pius XII to discuss the issuance of the XLI decree in this cause.

Blessed Mother Cabrini, who was beatified in 1934, was the foundress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose principal work has been among Italian immigrants and their descendants in the United States and Latin America. She was born at St. Angelo di Lodi, Italy, in 1850, and died in Chicago, in 1917. Her body rests today in the chapel of the Mother Cabrini High School in New York City.

30 Years A Bishop

Bellefonte, Pa.—The Most Rev. Henry Althoff was named the second Bishop of Bellefonte 30 years ago this month—on Dec. 4, 1913. It was recalled here, observing the anniversary of Bishop Althoff's appointment, the clergy of the Diocese offered a special prayer for the Bishop during their Masses.

Professor Joad Admits Christianity May Be Right

DUBLIN.—Professor C. M. Joad, well known British agnostic and foe of Christianity, has changed his mind. Addressing undergraduates of University College at the end of this session in St. John's Church, Galway, the Most Rev. Michael Browne, referred to the change of front as the part of Professor C. M. Joad, the "Great Train" toward Christianity.

Deported From Poland, 400,000 Children Die

LONDON.—Of the 1,000,000 children deported from Poland following the German-Russian occupation, about 400,000 have died, according to a statement issued by the Most Rev. Jozef Gawlina, Bishop of the Polish armed forces.

The Bishop estimates that there are about 600,000 Polish children still alive in Russia, of whom not more than 125,000 are still with their parents.

Some of the surviving children have been taken out of Russia and sent to camps in Iran, East Africa, Palestine, India and Egypt. With them are priests and Religious.

A number of welfare centers are to be started in the Middle East with the co-operation of American Catholics, according to Bishop Gawlina's statement.

Americans Held In Philippines Get Materials Sent By Bishops

WASHINGTON (NC)—Approximately a ton of materials made available by the Bishops War Emergency and Relief Committee, National Catholic Welfare Conference, has reached Americans who are military prisoners and civilian internees in the Philippine Islands in time for Christmas.

Over the week the American Red Cross headquarters revealed the cargo of Christmas packages arranged to send to the Orient aboard the exchange ship Gripsholm when it went out to pick up American repatriates on the latest trip has now been unloaded at Manila. The packages were transferred from the Gripsholm to a Japanese ship at Murrumbidgee under the supervision of the International Red Cross. This Japanese ship has now put the stores off in the Philippines, the announcement revealed.

When the American Red Cross was arranging for these Christmas packages to go to the Orient aboard the Gripsholm, the Bishops War Emergency and Relief Committee arranged with the Red Cross to send two tons of material at the same time. Since 18 to 40 cases sent by the Bishops War Emergency and Relief Committee were assigned to the Philippines, it is believed that one of the two tons has now been put off there.

Asserts Rights Of France, Italy As World Nations

VATICAN CITY — Italy and France must be restored again as nations. Commenting upon the recent speech in England of Jan Christian Smuts, Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, Osservatore Romano, semi-official weekly of the Vatican, declares that Italy and France must rise again, not only by right of tradition, but also in view of the promises which world leaders have made concerning the new order which is to prevail in the postwar world.

In a postwar order as promised by leaders of the United Nations, Osservatore Romano points out, features a new world where might is denied and rights is exalted, particularly "the right of every nation to contribute to the common international treasury of civilization" according to its individual endowment of genius and energy.

In his speech from England, Premier Smuts gloomily forecast that Soviet Russia would be mistress of Europe in the postwar world. Presumably referring to France, Italy, and Germany, he further claimed that at the end of the war, "three of the five great powers will have disappeared."

Recalling the immense contributions France and Italy have made and are capable of making, Osservatore warns against the irreparable loss to human progress that will result if France and Italy are ignored in the remaking of Europe.

I slept and dreamed that life was beauty; I woke and found that life was duty.—Anon.

Bares Million Dollar Racket Of Red-Front, Anti-Catholic Editor

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Charged With 'Anti-Catholicism' "When all the world is shocked by Hitler's 'anti-Semitism' and anti-Catholicism," the Rev. Leslie makes an initial attempt to form an organization and collect "one million dollars" for what he terms the "cause of the oppressed races." He has not as yet raised the million dollars, but he has secured the endorsement of hundreds of well-intentioned clergymen, some 200 of them named in the full-page newspaper advertisement carrying Rev. Leslie's repeated appeal for "one million dollars" to stamp out "anti-Semitism in our school textbooks," as he charges. But Leslie, who is charged with attempting to stir up anti-Catholicism under the guise of pro-Semitism is not specific in his charges, and does not furnish evidence of anti-Semitism in our school textbooks. Until he does produce such evidence, he and his organization, "The Protestant Digest," of which he is editor, cannot be taken too seriously, except in the attempt to raise one million dollars. It would seem that if any evidence of anti-Semitism can really be found in our school textbooks, it would take far less than "one million dollars" to expose it. School textbooks, of course, should not be permitted to propagandize for religious and racial hatred.

There are many who know that by leveling religious intolerance, racial hatred and smearing our Constitutional form of government, they are playing with religious, racial and political dynamite intended to shatter our 'American Way of Life' under our republican form of government. But for their own selfish, greedy purposes, particularly personal profit and political following, they would poison the minds of all susceptible Americans, just as boot-

legging liquor racketeers and black marketers sell their poisoned product to the American public."

3-Medal Hero



Lieutenant James Gerrits of Philadelphia, young Catholic aviator of a Liberator bomber, who has been twice decorated for war heroism. On the new famous bombardment mission against Freetown, Sierra Leone, he took over when the pilot was shot down and brought the riddled plane down outside enemy territory.

Collier's Praises Bishops' Statement On Justice To Negro

NEW YORK (NC) — Observing that the recent statement of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, following the annual meeting of the Bishops of the American Hierarchy here, on the essentials of a good peace, has stated in the fewest possible words the entire Negro question as it faces America today, Collier's Weekly, in an editorial appearing in the Dec. 17 issue, urges that the Bishops' recommendations be put into effect throughout the United States.

The editorial quotes the statement of the Bishops as follows: "In the Providence of God, there are among us millions of fellow citizens of Negro race.

"We owe to these fellow citizens, who have contributed so largely to the development of our country, and for whose welfare history imposes on us a special obligation of justice, to see that they have in fact the rights which are given to them in our Constitution.

"This means not only political equality but also fair economic and educational opportunities, a just share in public welfare projects, good housing without exploitation, and a full chance for the social advancement of their race.

"When given their rights in fact as well as in law, they will prize with us our national heritage and not lend ear to agitators whose real objective is not to improve but to destroy our way of living."

Collier's Weekly goes on to comment: "That seems to us to state the entire Negro question as it faces Americans today, and to state it in the fewest possible words. We do not see how it could be improved upon, or how all of us could do ourselves a bigger single favor than to take that statement to heart and strive to put it into practice all over the United States."

Mark Centenary

Knoxville, O. — The centennial anniversary of the founding of the St. Nicholas parish here was commemorated with the celebration of a Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving, at which the Most Rev. Edward G. Kettinger, Auxiliary Bishop of Columbus, presided.

A PAUSE IN A GRIM REHEARSAL



The Rev. Paul J. Edmund, U.S. Navy Chaplain, at the left, chats with Lt. Col. James Roosevelt, son of the President, in the South Pacific. The caption said the talk took place after early morning "chow" and as the troops took a brief respite from three days of intensive jungle maneuvers. Father Edmund wears an insect net tied around his neck. (Official U. S. Marine Corps Photo.)