

Bishop Yu-pin Would Disavow Winchell Charges on China

Attacks of radio commentator Walter Winchell against the Chinese Government of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek "should be repudiated," is the personal opinion of the Most Rev. Paul Yu-pin, native Chinese Bishop now in Washington on a diplomatic mission.

U. S. Liberals Back Russia over Poland, Woodlock Asserts

NEW YORK CITY — With the Atlantic Charter still staring them in the face, American "pinks" and "liberals" are falsely preaching that "Russia has a case against Poland" and our public is coming to believe it.

Writing in the *Wall Street Journal*, staff writer Thomas F. Woodlock last week accused American "liberals" of being Moscow apologists, and described their opposition to Poland as "grimly humorous."

"Liberals" and "pinks" are siding with Moscow in the Polish-Russian border dispute, explains Woodlock, because Poland offers no hope for a Marxist revolution which the "liberal" and "pink" are ever ready to espouse.

In part Woodlock writes:

"Poland is a veritable gift from Heaven for our 'pinks.' Poland has all the 'wrong' things and none of the 'right' things and comes nearer to being the opposite of a 'liberal' community than perhaps does any other occupied nation. She is disappointingly short of good 'revolutionary' elements; there are not many Polish communists. She has not had a really sharp agrarian conflict. With one-quarter of all the world's Jews in her territory she had less violent anti-Semitism than had Russia in Czarist days. Definitely slanted to the 'right' in the ultimate, Poland easily lends herself to comprehensive condemnation by all good 'liberals' as 'fascist.' A particularly annoying thing in her case is that of all the overrun countries in Europe she is the only one which, apparently, sprouted no quislings under the German plow and does not seem to be sprouting a healthy growth of Communists under the Soviet tillings.

The result of this general attack on Poland by the "pinks" in print and on the air has been to produce a fairly general "popular" reaction to the effect that the Poles "do not come into court with clean hands," deserve what they get—or at least do not deserve what they don't get—and generally are a good deal of a nuisance and a menace to the unity of the Allied nations! Not thus are the Baltic nations regarded; there seems to be more "sympathy" by a good deal for the Finns than for the Poles, to say nothing of the Letts, Latvians and Estonians. And the substance of the whole business is that with the Atlantic Charter's principles still staring us in the face our "liberals" are telling us in all manner of phrases that Russia has a case against Poland and our public is coming to believe it.

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Wednesday Fast In Canada Lifted Due To Meatless Tuesdays

OTTAWA — In view of the fact that the Government has not lifted the ban on meatless Tuesdays, the Lenten obligation of abstinence for Wednesdays in Lent has been lifted in Canada by the various Archbishops and Bishops in virtue of a special indulit from the Holy See. The obligation of abstinence on Ash Wednesday was not lifted, however. The faithful were asked to perform other sacrifices to replace that from which they have been released.

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Candlemas Rite Is Resumed On Island of Malta

LONDON — After an interruption of two years caused by the almost continuous and devastating air raids, the ancient Candlemas Day custom was resumed at the Island of Malta by Viscount Gort, who received the parish priests from every town and village in Malta and from the Island of Gozo, each of whom presented him with a candle, according to advices received here.

Greed Conspires Against Youth Says NCWC Aide

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Commercial amusement enterprises generally are in a conspiracy against the youthful practice of chastity.

Discussing youth and chastity before the Family Life Conference last week in Washington, the Rev. Paul Tanner, director of the N. C. W. C. Youth Department, stated: "If youth sins frequently against chastity today, let the accusers of youth reflect that youth is most seriously sinned against."

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Pray For Prisoners Of War on March 18

QUEBEC — The Archbishops and Bishops of Quebec have issued a statement calling upon all the faithful to interest themselves in a particular manner in their compatriots who are now held as prisoners of war in enemy territory.

March 18, eve of the Feast of St. Joseph, will be observed as a special day of prayer for those who are held as prisoners of war.

In his last two Sunday evening broadcasts, commentator Winchell has charged that there is a "cooking" of General Chiang and Washington. Last Sunday evening he specifically charged Chiang with opposition to Moscow.

Mr. Winchell's statements in the *CATHOLIC COURIER* this week quoted Bishop Yu-Pin at his Washington residence.

Informed of Mr. Winchell's broadcasts by Bishop Yu-Pin, who is an adviser to the Kal-Shek government, wired this reply:

"I personally think that any misunderstanding incidental to Chinese-American relations should be repudiated."

Winchell's current attack on General Chiang Kai-Shek's Government recall revelations made by Bishop Yu-Pin when he visited Rochester last October. At that time the Chinese prelate, in an interview with the *CATHOLIC COURIER*, charged that columnists are conducting a worldwide campaign of hostile propaganda against General Chiang Kai-Shek, President of Free China. On an international scale, the Bishop stated, Communists continue to misrepresent China's war leader as a dictator and a tyrant. The reason for this, he explained, is because General Kai-Shek is strongly opposed to Communism.

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Dead Removed From Bombed Villa on Papal Territory

VATICAN CITY — Because of war conditions, it is difficult to obtain exact figures, but it is known that between 300 and 400 bodies have been removed from the debris of the bombed Propaganda College Villa on the Papal Territory of Castelgandolfo.

A very considerable number of refugees still take shelter in the Papal Villa at Castelgandolfo. Almost insurmountable difficulties prevent their transfer to another place.



FEAST OF ST. THOMAS AQUINAS
1944

My dear People:

Sunday is the fifth anniversary of the Coronation of Pope Pius XII. May I take the occasion to solicit a prayer for him daily during the Lenten season. The appearance of goodness toward the Eternal City has given him deep concern since he naturally feels his responsibility to preserve for posterity the great shrines of Christendom which belong as much to the world as to the city.

Our Holy Father recently made a plea to all belligerents to keep Rome from being the theatre of military operations. We regret that the concern of our own country for the preservation of the priceless monuments of Christian culture, as expressed in the instructions of General Eisenhower, will be offset by the fiendish satisfaction our enemy will enjoy in forcing us into a position where such an attack may be a military necessity. Nothing would be more consistent with Nazi theological thought than the destruction of the sacred shrines of Christendom. For that tragedy, our enemy will be ready and willing to set the stage. Our special prayer would be that the Holy Spirit enlighten our Allied Councils of War that, in their crusade for the preservation of the spiritual realities of which these temples are the symbols, there will be found a way to dislodge the enemies of Christ from His holy city without making the city itself a battleground.

We leave that problem in the hands of God as we pledge our prayers to Our Holy Father on this fifth anniversary of his Coronation. May God protect him and everything near and dear to him in this critical hour of his pontificate.

Devotedly your Shepherd in Christ,

+John E. Kearney
BISHOP OF ROCHESTER

Name Semi-Finalists In Oratory Contest

With winners in individual high school contests in the Bishop's Jubilee Oratorical Contest announced this week and contestants for semi-final honors in other high schools named, interest in the diocesan-wide oratoricals is mounting.

Contestants are basing the topics of their entries on articles which appeared in the *CATHOLIC COURIER* jubilee magazine.

The contest is being conducted under the joint sponsorship of the Catholic Education Office and the *CATHOLIC COURIER* among all high schools of the diocese. Participating students and their topics are: Chairman Daniel DeRicci; Thomas Gilaspie and Joan Horton, "Our Relations with South America"; Viola Flynn, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home"; John O'Malley, "Industry and Labor Face the Peace"; Katherine Smith, "An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian"; Christine Ryans, "What's in Tomorrow's Air"; Richard Verschaeve, "The Post-war Racism Problem"; and Margaret Nagle, "Women's Role After the War."

Reported this Phyllis Bernardo as semi-final entries from the respective high schools and their topics are:

Our Lady of Mercy High School, Noreen Carey—"Post-War Racial Question."

Mary Kay Klee—"An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian."

St. Mary's Commercial School, Phyllis Bernardo—"When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

St. Andrew's Seminary, Robert Sullivan—"Golden Harvest of Post-war Missions"; William Annunziato, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home."

Academy of the Sacred Heart, Mary Kay Klee—"An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian."

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At the eliminations in the Academy of the Sacred Heart on Wednesday, Mar. 1, of the four students who competed, Peggy Predmore and Mary Kay Klee spoke on the topic "An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian"; Susan Decker chose "What's in Tomorrow's Air?"

Mary Kay Klee and Joanie Werner discussed the "Post-war Racial Question."

DeSales High School,

A local elimination contest to determine the contestants who will represent DeSales High School in the semi-finals will be conducted Sunday evening, Mar. 12, at St. Peter's Church, famous for its architecture.

Semi-finals at Aquinas Institute are scheduled Thursday, March 16 at 6:15 p. m. Contests from the girl high schools of Rochester will compete for two places in the final.

Wednesday, Mar. 1.

Judges for the school contest were the Rev. Walter Fleming, the Rev. Joseph P. Hogan, Sister M. Joachim, Sister M. Vincentine and Sister M. Teresa Clare.

The Rev. William A. Burns, chairman, introduced the following speakers: Miss Margaret Brann, "An Enduring Peace Must Be Christian"; Daniel Wheeland, "The Golden Harvest in the Post-war World"; Kathleen Milliken, "Our Latin-American Relations After the War"; Robert McCann, "What's in Tomorrow's Air"; Miss Margaret Crossed, "A Christian Peace" and Leonard Kujawski, "The Harvest Will Be White."

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I have lived long enough to know what I did not at one time believe—that no society can exist without the establishment of justice, law and order.