

Bishops in Chili Flay Communism as Nation Resumes Russia Tie

SANTIAGO, Chile (NC)—Deeply significant, in view of the recent resumption of diplomatic relations between Chile and Soviet Russia, is the document issued here in the name of the Catholic Bishops of this country which condemns Communism and declares that "no Catholic can sympathize with Communist doctrines" or "collaborate with Communism in any terrain."

The Prelate emphasizes the following five principal points from the Encyclical of Pope Pius XI on Atheistic Communism—(Divini Redemptoris, March, 1937):

"1. Both Christian and atheistic Communism is an all too imminent danger which aims at upsetting the ecclesiastical order and at undermining the very foundations of Christian civilization.

"2. It is a system full of errors and sophisms, in opposition both to reason and to Divine Revelation; subversive of the social order because it means the destruction of its foundations; a system that disregards the true origin and purpose of the State, and denies the rights, dignity and liberty of human personality.

Religiously Anti-Religious

"3. Communism is by its nature anti-religious and considers religion as 'the opiate of the people' because the principles of religion, which speak of a life beyond the grave, disrupts the proletarian from the dream of a Soviet paradise which is of this world.

"4. In some quarters, without receding an inch from their subversive principles, Communist leaders invite Catholics to collaborate with them in the realm of so-called humanitarianism and charity, and at times even make proposals that

Hierarchy in Canada O.K.'s Cooperatives

TORONTO, Ont.—Unqualified approval of cooperatives and credit unions of "a sound Christian type" was expressed in a pastoral letter issued here by the Archbishops of Kingston and Toronto, and the Bishops of London, Sudbury, Marie, Hamilton, Alexandria, and Peterborough.

Read in the Catholic churches of Ontario, the letter announced plans by the Church for encouraging "armers to interest young people particularly interested in agriculture in farming as a career, and to lend full support to the Church in improving the temporal, cultural, and spiritual lot of those living on farms."

The letter said one-third of Canada's people live on farms, but do not receive their proportionate share of the national income. While stressing that there are other values of living besides financial gain, the Bishops asserted that "the farm and farm home are capable

of providing a far better living than enjoyed by the average man in the full sense of the word, than career in the city."

Lift up your hearts to God in prayer, and faith, and obedience and hope. Only in this will you find light for the darkness that beats your soul.

Equality for Negro Is Catholic Teaching Emphasizes Priest

WASHINGTON (NC)—The teachings of the Catholic Church stand for "the full, unequalled equality of the Negro with every other human being" and "all Catholics, mindful of these principles, should work for the day when the Negro will be granted the fullness of his natural and civil rights in our land."

These observations were made by the Rev. Francis S. Connell, of the Catholic University of America, in a talk at the first formal meeting of the local unit of the Catholic Interracial Council.

Dr. Connell outlined the Catholic doctrine of natural rights, stating that every human being possesses certain natural rights prior to and independent of all civil legislation, such as the right to life, the right to marry, the right to possess private property, and the right to worship God.

Although these basic rights are sometimes listed in this country with the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, Father Connell said, it should be understood that they are prior to and independent of these documents, which are merely expressions of guarantees by government that these natural rights shall be protected.

"This is the basic policy of the nation between our Lord and I assume, under a totalitarian form of government."

However, said Dr. Connell, "the civil rights of Negroes have been recognized." He continued, "We all must work together, whatever their color, to see that this right is maintained and extended for all the members of the human race."

"Your church, particularly the Catholic Interracial Council, is to indicate the importance and the obligation placed upon us by the discrimination against Negroes that is prevalent in our society," he added.

Prior steps to be taken, he said, included the formation of a Negro advisory committee.

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