Vatican Target Of Ministers' Plea to 'Big 3'

HUNTINGTON, Ind. (NC) — The petition allegedly signed by 1,000 Protestant ministers in this country and directed to leaders of the "Big Three" meeting in Yalta, asserting that "establishments of religion, however widely representative, however exalted, have no place at the council tables of the State," was directed against the Vatican, "just as all anti-religious blasts of communist organs have been," the Most Rev. John F. Noll, Bishop of Fort Wayne, declares in an article in the current issue of The Priest.

Bishop Noll says, "real Christians must be shocked to hear that a Protestant Bishop, once head of the Federal Council of Churches, and that a clergyman, who is head of a Protestant Theological Seminary, are leading apostles in the United States for the establishment of atheistic communism."

Lists The Heads

Entitling his article "Who Are These Fellows Anyway?" Bishop Noll says the 1,000 Protestant ministers who reportedly signed the petition were "l[illegible] by the Methodist Bishop Francis J. McConnell and the Methodist head of Union Theological Seminary, Rev. Harry F. Ward."

Bishop Noll says Bishop McConnell "was, during the Spanish Civil War, chairman of the North American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy;" that the November, 1939, issue of Soviet Russia Today praised him and Harry F. Ward; that Bishop McConnell was named by Dr. Rembert G. Smith of Pryor, Okla., formerly professor at Emory Methodist College, as "one of four Methodist Bishops who head a Socialist Bloc;" and that in October, 1936, the Rev. C. M. [illegible], President of the Eastern Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church, accused Bishop McConnell of being "an extreme liberal with strong communist tendencies."

A 'Pacifist' Record

The Article asserts that "Harry F. Ward also had a long record as a 'pacifist,' and became reconciled to the present war only after Soviet Russia became involved." He headed the League Against War and Fascism, which later became the League for Peace and Democracy, it is stated.

Concerning the assertion in the statement addressed to the "Big Three," that "establishments of religion" have no place at the council tables of the State, Bishop Noll quotes George E. Sokolsky, noted newspaper columnist, as saying: "They make it clear that what they mean is that the Roman Catholic Church is to have no voice in the peace."

Two Gallon Donor

Pope Tells American Reporter Of His Deep Devotion to Peace

HIS HOLINESS Pope Pius XII is shown in a happy mood, despite the cares of a war-torn world. He was photographed at a party for the orphaned children of Rome. The Holy Father, now 69, will observe the sixth anniversary of his coronation, on March 12.

(By special arrangement with the New York World Telegram, the CATHOLIC COURIER presents the following unusual news report).

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ROME — His Holiness Pope Pius XII, recuperating from an illness, has honored the American press by granting an audience to this American reporter and in preparing two statements for publication. Since 1916 no Pope has permitted himself to be directly quoted by a newspaperman.

With appointments and audiences canceled by his illness, all formal activity and all ceremony was absent from this audience. It took place in the Pope's apartment in the Raphael wing of the Vatican.

Entering the Pope's apartments by a small elevator from the private courtyard to the second floor, I was escorted by the Pope's devoted friend, Signor Enrico Pietro Galeazzi.

At the end of a magnificent hall Signor Galeazzi delivered me to Monsignor Callori, Papal Chamberlain, who showed me to the door of the Pope's private library.

Full of Vitality

Dressed in plain white robes, wearing a pectoral cross which he fingered, and sitting quietly, the Pope looked up from his work, smiled and nodded, and rescued me from going in the wrong direction as I came through the door. His Holiness was pale, but his brown eyes were warm and cheerful, his attitude full of vitality.

Answering my inquiry about his health, the Pope told me that he had had influenza, but that it had carried with it no touch of pneumonia. He said his temperature had been high at intervals and that he had therefore canceled, against his will but at the Vatican doctor's orders, all audiences public and private. He had been receiving only high officials of the Secretariat of State.

The Pope's voice is soft, his English comes easily, his face is expressive. He gestures seldom, listens attentively to your reply to a question, and makes you feel as though he would like to agree with your answer if he could. His attitude is helpful. When an English word is spoken which is unfamiliar or vague he smiles and suggests that it is his fault, not yours, that the meaning is not clear.

Simplicity of Thought

The Pope's views on the state of the world are distilled through a scholarly mind from information streaming to him from the most [illegible] sources all over the world. He spoke of various matters involving the Holy See in the problems of the hour.

When the Pope expressed at one point a summary of his spiritual purposes, I asked him if he would [illegible] and he did, as follows: [illegible]

THE POPE'S MESSAGE

Henry J. Taylor asked Pope Pius XII to write an individual encouraging message to Americans, from which our free people could gain the universal value of spiritual inspiration, regardless of creed, in recognition of our great national efforts, and of our anxieties over the perils faced by Americans on land, on sea and in the air.

His Holiness consented to compose such a message. Writing in his own hand, the Pope said:

"With paternal affection we send our blessing to the people of the United States of America, as a token of our deep sympathy with them from whom the war has asked and will still ask the heavy sacrifices of loved and cherished dear ones; and as a pledge of our prayer for all, that with peace God may grant them also faith and courage and charity in solving their problems of the future, and in safeguarding and defending those inalienable rights that an all-wise and loving Creator has granted to every man and every people." Signed: PIUS XII.

FREED PRIEST KILLED BY BOMB

NEW YORK (NC) — A few days after he was liberated from Japanese imprisonment in Santo Tomas University, Manila, the Rev. David A. Daly, Jesuit missionary, was killed by a Japanese bomb explosion, according to word received here.

The death of the Rev. Mr. Edward R. McGinty, S.J., in Doctors' Hospital in Manila on January 1, from a tubercular condition also was reported. The report stated that the full complement of 110 American Jesuits serving as missionaries in the Philippines have now been accounted for — 78 rescued from the Los Banos internment camp, 15 freed at Cabanatuan, and Santo Tomas, and 17 who were not interned.

Father Daly, a native of New York, was an alumnus of St. Francis Xavier College. He taught at Loyola High School in Baltimore and at Gonzaga College High School in Washington prior to his ordination by the Most Rev. Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore and of Washington, in 1924. He was serving at Gonzaga in 1937 when he was transferred to the Philippines.

Mr. McGinty had been a patient at the Manila Hospital for several months. His family resides in Brooklyn. A brother, the Rev. Mr. John J. McGinty, S.J., is stationed at Weston College, Weston, Mass. Mr. McGinty was an alumnus of Brooklyn Preparatory School and of Fordham University. He went to the Philippines [illegible]

Colors Rise to Stay

LUZON (EMD) — Gen. Douglas MacArthur, directing the re-raising of the Stars and Stripes over historic Corregidor: "Let your men raise the colors and let no enemy ever haul them down again."

Manila Church Is 'Mere Shell'

CINCINNATI, (NC) — The great Catholic Cathedral in the Philippine capital of Manila, which for centuries has been a house of worship for thousands of Filipinos and Americans, has been damaged beyond repair, according to a report by Milton Chase, staff correspondent in Manila of the WLW radio station here.

In a broadcast telling of the manner in which the Cathedral suffered, Mr. Chase said:

"I saw the great building. It was a mere shell, its interior had been gutted, great shell holes gaped wide in its walls. And on all sides were piles of debris, rubbish heaped high.

"In that massive wreck, however, I saw something that is symbolic. Although the great church was damaged beyond repair, a plaque hanging above the massive archway gave a promise to the world that, in spite of Japanese barbarism, the great edifice would rise again.

First Returns in Courier Campaign Are 'Encouraging'

First reports on the annual CATHOLIC COURIER subscription campaign, [illegible] [illegible] with three weeks yet remaining in the campaign, thirty per cent of the parishes of the diocese already have made returns, it was disclosed this week by [illegible] [illegible] of the diocese guaranteed a quota [illegible] representing the [illegible] of families in [illegible] [illegible] the COURIER [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the campaign is the [illegible] [illegible] of the COURIER'S standing before the public. [illegible]

Ives-Quinn Discrimination Bill Approved

ALBANY — The Senate this week passed the Ives-Quinn anti-discrimination bill.

The measure now goes to Governor Dewey for his signature. It was approved last week by the Assembly in precisely the form it passed the Senate. The final vote in the Assembly was 109 to 32.

Governor Dewey's approval of the measure is a foregone conclusion. In the weeks that the legislation was pending in the Senate and Assembly he took an active part in corralling votes in its favor.

The vote was 49 to 6. Voting in favor of the bill were twenty-eight Republicans and twenty-one Democrats. Six Republicans were recorded in opposition.

The measure, which has split the Republicans into opposing groups, sets up a State commission against discrimination of five members and directs that it proceed to the elimination of discrimination in employment on the grounds of race, creed, color or national origin.

Would Authorize Councils

In carrying out this legislative mandate the commission is empowered to receive and investigate complaints and to compel employers, labor unions and employment agencies to put an end to discriminatory practices. It is also authorized to set up advisory councils and agencies and to engage in educational and community activities designed to promote good-will between all groups in the State.

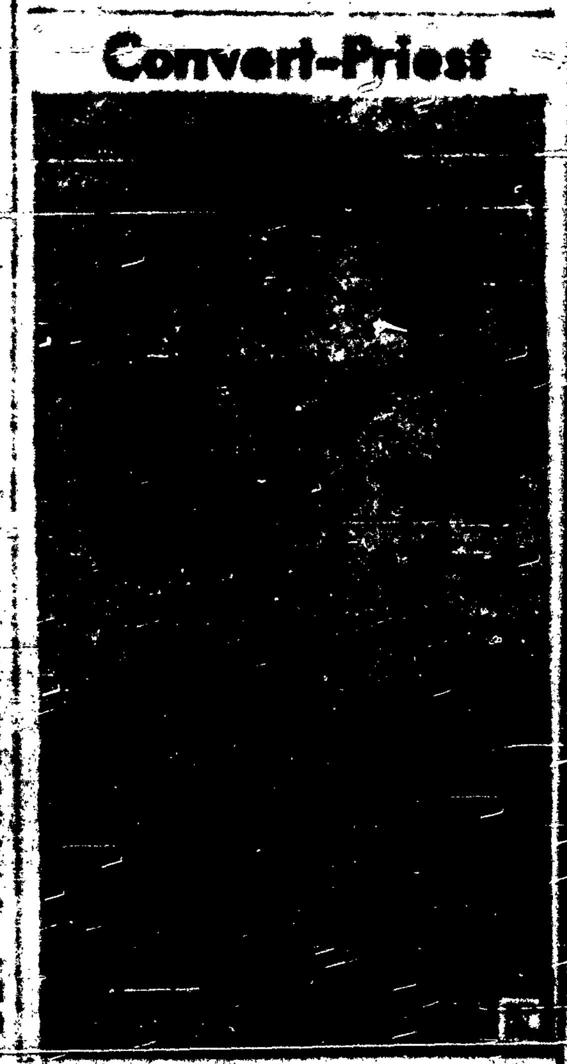
The commission may direct employers to hire, reinstate or promote employes who have been victims of racial or religious discrimination. They may also direct labor unions to admit or reinstate applicants who have been refused admission because of race or religion.

The bill provides two methods of enforcing compliance with commission orders. Like corresponding orders of the State Labor Relations Board, they may be enforced through the civil process of the courts with recalcitrant respondents subject to punishment for contempt of court. Willful violators may also become subject to criminal penalties, involving a fine of $500 or one year in jail or both.

Mexico Ousts Textbooks Fostering Communism

MEXICO CITY (NC) — The Minister of Public Education has issued instructions banning textbooks of communistic tendency from primary schools throughout the Republic.

Convert-Priest



The Rev. Anton Morgenroth, C. S. Sp., Jewish convert, who was ordained to the Holy Priesthood March 11, by Bishop Henry J. O'Brien, Administrator of the Diocese of Hartford, at the Mission Seminary of the Holy Ghost Fathers, Norwalk, Conn. Father Morgenroth fled from Berlin in 1933 because of his Jewish birth and settled in England and then in South Africa, where he became impressed by the missionary work [illegible] baptized [illegible] [illegible] Catholic and studied at St. Mary's College, Kentucky. (NCWC)