

# Says Parishes Should Aid War Veterans on Return

Washington — (NC) — Catholic parishes throughout the country provide a natural medium for interesting our people in the benefits and services for returning war veterans, an article in Catholic Action, organ of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, states, pointing out that benefits and services to returning servicemen and women should be a matter of concern to all citizens.

"Other national groups are looking to the servicemen from a national point of view. Why is it not possible for us to adopt the same approach and the same point of view? We can never cease until we bring the resources of every Catholic organization and of every Catholic parish to bear on the welfare of our servicemen."

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# Reds' 'Sniping' at Vatican Seen Setting Stage for San Francisco

By J. J. Gilbert

Washington — (NC) — A new Soviet-Russian campaign of "sniping" at the Vatican, possibly planned to precede and coincide with the United Nations meeting in San Francisco, is seen in the making by some observers here.

Prior to the gathering of the "Big Three" at Yalta and before any announcement was made of conclusions reached, Soviet publications such as Pravda, Red Star, Izvestia and War and the Working Classes, and the Moscow Radio kept up a drumfire against the Vatican, selecting this or that pretense for abuse and attack. This was interpreted as an attempt on the part of the Russians to discredit in advance any condemnation the Holy See might level against solutions which the Communists even then intended to impose with reference to the Polish question.

Now the San Francisco Conference approaches, and students of such matters here believe they see the first indications of a similar Soviet propaganda barrage against the Holy See. The beginnings of such a campaign is seen in items which have found their way into the press of this country in recent days.

Communism Charges

The first was a broadcast over the Moscow Radio, quoted in the newspapers here, which accused the Vatican of trying to save prominent fascist leaders from punishment. "In the fight against the complete elimination of fascism and the creation of a free and democratic Italy, the reactionary forces lean for support on the Vatican and clerics who take orders from it," the attack said. "The Vatican has done not a little to save from punishment a number of fascist leaders found on territory of liberated Italy."

This, of course, is a charge of the general nature that the Soviets have "dreamed up" against the Vatican on any given Tuesday or Friday or Sunday for years past. They're just thrown out on the air to do what harm they can.

While the Yalta Conference was in progress, and before its conclusions were announced, Moscow gave out a pronouncement and it was transmitted to this country to the attack on the Vatican by a group of Patriarchs of the Soviet-encouraged Russian Orthodox Church. This was when the Patriarch charged that the Vatican sought to shield Nazi Germany from Allied punishment. It is easy to see how this vicious attack could be employed, if the Vatican condemned announcements from the Yalta Conference, then expected daily.

At almost the same time, a widely-circulated Moscow dispatch let the world have considerable wordage on the charge of East Stok, former Russian Ambassador to Rome, who had said at a convenient moment that the Vatican, with what he charged were its powerful international institutions, constituted a tremendous danger to world peace and post-war security. Again, it is easily seen how anyone would be taken in by this would take a poor view of any criticism the Vatican might make of the Yalta Conference solutions, for which the world was then waiting.

A few days before, K. Gorkin, writing in the Red Star, had accused that Page Five was the mouthpiece of Germany and "preacher of a soft peace. It is not hard to see how this too might have pruned people for Yalta Conference conclusions.

Again, just a little before the Yalta agreements were announced, the Moscow government newspaper Izvestia said the Vatican had "turned the hatred and contempt of the Italian people for supporting the Germans."

While this barrage was being laid down from Moscow, a writer in the New York newspaper PM asserted that the Soviet Union's attack on the Vatican "obviously was intended to discredit Vatican influence in post-war international relations."

One large American newspaper, in the attack on the Vatican in part of its "series of articles of Soviet aggression" and added that "the Vatican and other centers of Moscow cannot be a source of assistance."

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If you want a strong and admirable character, never compromise with any fault. Admit it humbly, and with every admission make a renewed determination to overcome it. The faults that defeat us are those that are loved and defended. — The Liguori.

## Palsy Cure Discovered By St. Louis U. Prof.

St. Louis, (NC) — Through a delicate brain operation discovered and perfected by Dr. Roland M. Klemm, professor in the St. Louis University School of Medicine and eminent brain surgeon, the disease of palsy, which has baffled the medical world for centuries, now can be cured. It has been disclosed here. Statistics show that Dr. Klemm has performed the operation in 250 cases since 1937 and has been successful in curing the disease in 75 per cent of those cases.

The man who does too much for others, leaves himself undone. — From Gilbert Hubbard's Scrap-Book.

## American Firm Gives 3,500 Pairs of Shoes For French Nuns

New York — (NC) — An outstanding gift of 3,500 pairs of shoes, specially manufactured for Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, now stranded in France, throughout France, was announced here by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The gift, received by the N.C.W.C. agency from a large manufacturing firm which prefers to remain anonymous, will provide new footwear for about half of the nuns working among war victims in France. The gift follows a recent statement of Mother Madeleine Morris, delegate of the Community in this country, that many of the French Sisters have been carrying on their labors of charity for infants, the aged and the destitute, working for months without shoes or with only make-shift coverings on their own feet.

## Keep All-Night Vigil

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