

6-Point Plan for 'Honest Election' In Poland Outlined to U.S. Senate

Washington — (NC) — Not only Poland but also America has been wronged by the decisions of the Yalta Conference, declares the Polish American Congress in a memorandum to the Senate of the United States in which six "demands" are formulated to insure "honest elections" in Poland.

"American war aims, of which the first is surely the establishment of a just and lasting peace, with liberty and self-determination for all people who fought against Nazi tyranny, have been thwarted and frustrated," the memorandum asserts.

The memorandum appeals to the United States Government "to use all its influence to promote the realization" of the demands presented by the Polish American Congress. "If the Soviet Government refuses to accept and implement these conditions we should repudiate the Crimea Conference resolutions as a contract concluded in bad faith," the memorandum suggests.

The conditions put forth as "independent" are as follows:

1. Immediate release of all political prisoners and return of all deportees to Poland.

2. Setting up in Poland of an interim administration free from Soviet military and police pressure and composed of political figures, trusted by the Polish people, who would give assurances against persecution for political views.

3. Permissions for all Poles abroad, without distinction of political views, to return and take part freely in political life.

4. Complete freedom of press and of mutual associations, especially in Poland.

5. A free hand for the UNRRA.

Polish humanitarian organizations, to distribute relief in Poland without any element of political coercion or discrimination.

6. Free access to Poland for United Nations diplomats and correspondents and for representatives of Polish cultural and fraternal organizations abroad, with the right to talk freely with heads of all government places and report their observations without censorship.

In a Middle East Refugee Camp



Placed on their flat, bony beds are these slender children in a refugee camp in the Middle East. They are waiting to be fed from a nearby American Red Cross warehouse. Following Communists, the children were served breakfast from their own rations and received hand candies donated by American officials stationed in the Middle East. American Red Cross Photo (NCWC).

NCWC NEWS AGENCY AT 25-YEAR MARK

Washington — (NC) — The 25th anniversary of the first release of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service was celebrated yesterday. The service was dispatched 3 years ago today.

The NCWC News Service, sometimes called by the shortened name NC, was inaugurated

World War I. It is the work of the U.S. Department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, an organization formed by the Bishops of the United States.

Last November, His Holiness Pope Pius XII extolled the achievements of the NCWC News Service, calling it a truly "practical and forward-looking expression of American Catholic Action," and a "great medium for the dissemination of Catholic doctrine and the correct interpretation of world events in the field of unshackling Christian truths and principles, and affirmed it had played a truly outstanding role."

Designated originally to serve the Catholic papers in the United States, the releases of the NCWC News Service were going to the Catholic papers of some 20 different countries at the outbreak of the present war. The first news bulletins issued

RECEALED AT PARIS SERVICES FOR FIVE

Paris — (NC) — Two services in memory of the late President Roosevelt were held in the Cathedral of Notre Dame Sunday. In the morning, Cardinal Spellman, Cardinal Suenens, attended by all of his diplomatic corps, and a large number of French officials, gathered at a Mass which was arranged especially for him.

At 10:30 a.m., the Mass of Remembrance, the Cardinal of Paris presided over a solemn service. The Rev.

John J. Coughlin, Cardinal of Baltimore, and the Rev.

James J. Dugan, Cardinal of Newark, were co-presiders. The Rev.

John J. Hayes, Cardinal of Boston, and the Rev.

John J. McCormick, Cardinal of New York, were co-presiders. The Rev.

G. T. Jones and James — Pilgrims in France



Polish Primate, Freed By Yanks, Flies to Paris

By Dr. Max Jordan

Paris—His Eminence August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, arrived at an airport here today after having been released from German captivity by the American Ninth Army on Easter Sunday at Wiedenbrueck in Westphalia. The Cardinal appeared in excellent health and fine spirits.

Cardinal Hlond was welcomed by Col. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, former United States Ambassador to Poland, who is now deputy chief, European Allied Contact Section, Allied Supreme Headquarters.

The Cardinal's flight here in a special plane placed at his disposal by General Omar Bradley, Commander of the Twelfth Army Group. His pilot was Capt. William Fodder of Springfield, Mass.

"The Americans have freed me on Easter Sunday from the Gestapo," Cardinal Hlond told smilingly the assembled Americans and Polish officials, adding in French to Colonel Biddle: "I am very grateful to General Bradley for having permitted me the use of this plane."

The 61-year-old Cardinal said that he had been held a captive by the Germans for fourteen months in a convent at Wiedenbrueck. He said he was able to offer Mass each day but that he had no permission to leave the premises.

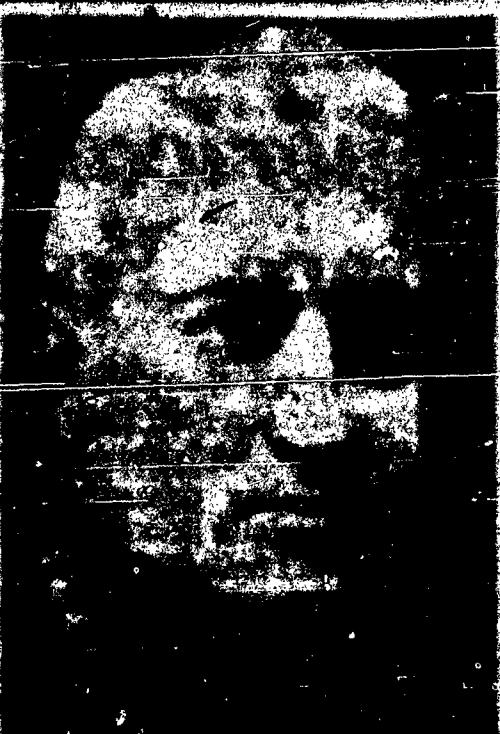
His only companion was his secretary, Father Filik, who was arrested with him at the time they were staying at Lourdes in France. Both were taken to Harz-Duc where they were heldcommunicado in a private apartment for two months, even being prevented from saying Mass.

When American Army units reached Wiedenbrueck on Holy Saturday, the Cardinal had not yet recovered, looking forward hopefully to his liberation. The Germans evacuated the town in a hurry and did not bother with his maltreatment.

The Cardinal refused to discuss political matters. When he was asked whether he had any direct contact with the Gestapo he merely remarked: "Let's forget these things of the past. Let's rather think of the common cause we are fighting for."

New Rochelle Group Hits Yalta Decisions

New York — (NC) — The Alumnae Association of the College of New Rochelle has protested to Secretary of State Edward R. Stettinius against "the Russian solution of the Polish problem to which President Roosevelt acquiesced at Yalta." In letters addressed to Mr. Stettinius and to Robert F. Wagner, United States Senator from New York, it is stated that the Yalta decision on Poland "destroyed the ideals of the Atlantic Charter."



Cardinal Hlond

Russia Holds Fate Of Meet At Frisco Says Archbishop

Cincinnati — (NC) — Success or failure of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco may depend upon the Soviet Union. Archbishop John T. McDevitt of Cincinnati declared in a pastoral letter issued here.

"England and the United States, even though they have different economic, social, humanitarian and religious problems, can and will agree on measures calculated to outlaw war and to secure world peace," he stated.

The Archbishop said Russia "has her greatest opportunity in centuries" and "her tremendous power will be either for unlimited evil or for good which can in a large measure change the face of the earth."

"In this fateful hour our duty at home is manifest," he declared. "We must pray daily and hourly until the conclusion of the San Francisco Conference."

Cardinals Attend Rites in Rome

Rome — (NC) — Solemn services were held at the American Church of St. Susanna here for the American nation on the occasion of the death of President Roosevelt. The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Francis J. Bratton, priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and Auditor for the Sacred Roman Rite, was celebrant of the Mass, assisted by American priests stationed in Rome.

Cardinals of the Roman Curia and high-ranking American diplomats and military officers attended. Also present were Prince George and representatives of diplomatic and military groups in Rome.

The State Chancery, under the direction of Maurice Lemoine, and special prayers were offered for the American people, their leaders and for peace. The ceremonies concluded with a blessing with a relic of the True Cross. Thirteen American priests, all of whom were based in Rome,

Monsignor Marquette Joins Pilgrimage to Rome

Rome — (NC) — Joseph Marquette, French Catholic philosopher and author, who has been a prominent administrator to the Catholic Church here, served as spiritual director of the pilgrimage to the Holy Land and Rome. Monsignor Marquette, a member of the Society of Jesus, was born in Paris in 1873 and died in 1936.