

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 "elementary demands of liberty and justice" are formulated to ensure "honest elections" in Poland.

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 Yalta Conference resolutions as a contract concluded in bad faith," the memorandum suggests.

The conditions put forth as "indispensable" 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 assurance against persecution for political views.
3. Permission 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 political organization and agitation in Poland.
5. A free hand for the UNRRA working with representative 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 Poles of all political views and report their observations without censorship.

DEGAULLE AT PARIS SERVICES FOR FDR

Paris — (NC) — Two services in memory of the late President Roosevelt were held in the Cathedral of Notre Dame Sunday. In the morning His Eminence Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, attended by all of his Auxiliary Bishops, presided at a Mass which was arranged according to the wishes of United States Ambassador Joffe and his staff.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Angels Giuseppe Saragat, Federal Minister of France, presided at the afternoon service held in the same cathedral.

The Rt. Rev. Mons. L. Curtis, Bishop of Rochester, presided at a service for the American troops here, which was held in the cathedral.

Richard F. O'Grady, S.J., also an American, presided at a service for the American troops here, which was held in the cathedral.

In a Middle East Refugee Camp



Pictured on their first Communion day are these Jewish children in a refugee camp in the Middle East. They are wearing clothes furnished from a nearby American Red Cross warehouse. Following Communion the children were served breakfast from their ration cards and received hard candies donated by American soldiers stationed in the Middle East. American Red Cross Photo. (NCWC)

NCWC NEWS AGENCY AT 25-YEAR MARK

Washington — (NC) — The first releases of the National Catholic Welfare Conference News Service were dispatched to subscribers papers 25 years ago today.

The N.C.W.C. News Service, sometimes designated by the shortened form NC, was inaugurated soon after the close of World War I. It is the work of the Press 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 N.C.W.C. 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 light of unchanging 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 N.C.W.C. News Service were going to the Catholic papers of some 29 different countries at the outbreak of the present war. The first news bulletin, issued once a week, contained a few thousand words and emanated from less than a half-dozen countries besides the United States.

WHEC to Carry Talk By Chaplain Cleary

Capital, Donald M. Cleary, Chaplain with the Ninth Air Force and priest of the Diocese of Rochester will be heard in a special interview to be broadcast over Radio Station WHEC on next Tuesday afternoon, April 24th, 8:30 o'clock.

The interview was transcribed in Europe where Father Cleary is still stationed and sent to Station WHEC for local broadcast. Prior to his joining the armed forces Father Cleary was Chaplain at Cornell University and National Chaplain of the Newman clubs of America.

G. I. Joes and Janes—Pilgrims in France

Paris — (NC) — The American War Relievers' Administration (AWRA) is sponsoring a pilgrimage of American soldiers and their families to France. The group, which includes men and women, is expected to depart for France in the near future. The pilgrimage is intended to provide a spiritual and cultural experience for the participants.

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 was brought here in a special plane placed at his disposal by General Omar Bradley, Commander of the Twelfth Army Group. His pilot was Capt. William Fidler of Joplin, Mo.

"The Americans have freed me on Easter Sunday from the Gestapo," Cardinal Hlond told smilingly the assembled American 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 63-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 Filliak, who was arrested with him at the time they were staying at Lourdes in France. Both were taken to Bar-le-Duc where they were held incommunicado 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 retired, looking forward joyfully to his liberation. The Germans evacuated the town in a hurry and left him behind without molestation.

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."

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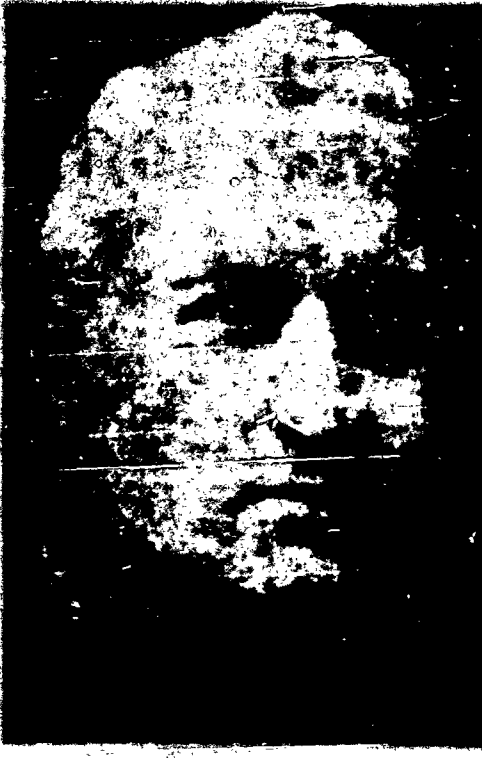
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The Sistine Choir, under the direction of Maestro Locatelli, sang. Special prayers were offered for the American people, their leaders and for peace. The ceremonies concluded with a blessing with a relic of the True Cross. Troops of American and other Allied soldiers filed the church.

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RUSSIA HOLDS FATE OF MEET AT FRISCO SAYS ARCHBISHOP

Washington — (RNS) — Success or failure of the United Nations Conference at San Francisco may depend upon the Soviet Union, Archbishop John T. McNichols 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."

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