

Red Riddle Soviet Tactics at Parley Puzzling

By Dr. Richard Patten

San Francisco — (NC) — During the early stages of the Conference on International Organization the conduct of V. M. Molotov, Foreign Commissar of the Soviet Union, has not contributed to a clear understanding of how dominant a position Russia hopes to have in the international structure being erected here.



An accurate estimate of the Soviet position is made extremely difficult by the welter of contradictory appraisals that clutter up the opinions, statements and attempts to appraise Russia's policy.

However, every effort ought to be made to examine the Soviet problem at the Conference with a maximum of honesty and objectivity. The influence of Russia is so great, that we can all afford to obscure the issue by anything less than the most candid examination of her policy and attitude, as far as it can be ascertained.

Russia is denounced in the same breath as completely odious, and praised as outstandingly conciliatory. Out of this clash of views and interpretations it is extremely difficult to obtain a clear idea of Soviet reaction and the extent of Russia's stake in the present deliberations.

Special perplexity has been caused by the Soviet attitude in the dispute over the chairmanship of various committees and the plenary sessions of the Conference. The final decision to allow a rotation of chairmen in the plenary sessions was in reality no Soviet triumph. It merely satisfied Molotov's demands for the recognition of Russia's equal place among the sponsoring powers. It represented a recognition of the Soviet practice in meetings of this kind to set up a "praesidium" of various presiding officers, instead of the customary single official.

The primary reason for the opposition of the American delegates.

(Turn to page 5)

Freed by Yanks, Therese Neuman Reports 'Little Flower' Vision

By Dr. Max Jordan

Koenigsreuth, Bavaria — (NC) — American Army authorities have provided two special guards to protect Therese Neuman, stigmatized peasant woman, whose death had been rumored many times during the war.

I saw "Resl" as the townfolk call her, and had a long talk with her as well as with her pastor, the Rev. Joseph Naber, who has been her confessor for many years.

"Resl" is now 47 years old. She is as vigorous as ever and she rejoices over the arrival of the Americans.

At last we can breathe freely again," she said.

She told me the story of how on the day preceding the American occupation of her village, she narrowly escaped death from Nazi shells. The American commander has been informed of her presence in his zone of operations and up until April 30 the village had not been bombed or shelled.

However, SS troops have long resented the interest of Catholics the world over in the stigmatized woman, and upon the approach of the Americans they laid down a heavy artillery barrage on the village, causing the

destruction of one third of its buildings and the deaths of three persons.

Therese herself was menaced by a machine gun post SS troops had established below the very window of her dwelling. Upon learning of her danger, she sought protection in a shelter near the parish house, together with Father Naber and several children who are members of her family.

The shelter was hit by a heavy shell, causing a huge underground fire, and they escaped only with the greatest difficulties. Various wells and valuable church vessels were destroyed.

When American forces entered the village the following day, they immediately posted "all limits" signs at Therese's home and Father Naber's residence. On April 29, about a week after the Americans entered the village, "Resl" had a vision of St. Therese of Lisieux. I was informed. The Little Flower has been appearing to her three, namely, on the saint's beatification day, on her canonization day and on her feast day.

Father Naber took down the words which "Resl" spoke in repeating what the Little Flower said: "Be calm, be confident, for clearly you have been given wonderful help and a diabolical plan has been counteracted by Divine Power. You have had a premonition and seen how terrible the danger was, but the Lord accepted your sacrifice, which was not in vain."

"Resl" herself told me today that for six days preceding the shelling of her village she had prayed intensely that it would be saved.

"Now," she added, "we must all bear the trials and sufferings of these times patiently and offer them up in reparation for the many sins committed these past years."

"Resl" continues to abstain from all food and drink. For seven years now, according to Father Naber, daily Holy Communion has been her only sustenance.

She still goes through intense sufferings on solemn feast days, reliving the passion of Our Lord, experiencing dramatically in her visions the story of the Passion.

Catholic Mother



Mrs. Louis E. Scheuer of Philadelphia, who has been chosen the "Catholic Mother of 1945" by the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. Her seven sons and three daughters are in religion. It is believed to be the largest family group in religion in the United States. (NCWC)

Tito Denies Freedom Of Religion is Charge

San Francisco — (RNS) — Freedom of religion is being denied under the existing Tito-Serbian government in Yugoslavia, according to a memorandum submitted to the steering committee of the United Nations Conference here.

The statement was presented by Lewis C. Christopher, representative of the Serbian Eastern Orthodox diocese for the United States and Canada, and of the Serb National Federation and the American Serbian Cultural Association of America.

"Religious Freedom," Mr. Christopher asserted, "cannot be guaranteed through a single-party organization that controls the terms under which religious freedom is to be enjoyed." He condemned the Partisan Communist leadership for allegedly permitting Russians to expel Serbian Orthodox bishops and clergy along with 120,000 Serbs.

"Through such persecution and combinations, religious freedom becomes a sham and the Serbian Orthodox Church again becomes a victim of collaborators of Nazism," Mr. Christopher said.

BISHOP O'HARA IS INSTALLED

Buffalo — (RNS) — The Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, CSC, assumed his new duties as eighth Bishop of Buffalo here on Tuesday. His diocese embraces 500,000 Catholics in eight counties of Western New York.

The installation ceremonies followed a Solemn Pontifical Mass in St. Joseph's new cathedral. Celebrant of the Mass was Auxiliary Bishop Joseph H. A. Burke. Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York presided.

The former president of the University of Notre Dame succeeded to the bishopric vacated by the death eight months ago of the Most Rev. John A. Duffy.

Bishop O'Hara appealed to "every man, woman and child, all clergymen and the laity in the diocese for full cooperation in carrying out the tasks laid down" by his predecessor.

In tribute to Bishop O'Hara, the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Luke F. Sharkey said: "What we had considered impossible has come to pass. God has sent us a bishop who is so genuinely stamped with the seal of greatness that our tender regrets over the loss of Bishop Duffy are merged with joy that our good fortune brings us . . . He himself shall be the best proof of his excellent worth and time will write that proof in the good that he will accomplish here."

Thirty-five Archbishops and bishops, along with 800 clergymen, attended the services. His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney was among the visiting prelates attending the ceremonies.



Therese Neuman

New Bishop of Raleigh To Be Installed June 15

Richmond — (NC) — Bishop-elect Vincent S. Waters, who is to be consecrated at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart here on May 15, will be installed as third Bishop of Raleigh at the Cathedral of the Sacred Heart there on June 15.

The Most Rev. Peter J. Ireton, Bishop of Richmond, will be consecrator at the ceremonies here.

European Victory Seen Turning Point in History by Abp. Mooney

By the Most Rev. Edward Mooney

(Archbishop Mooney of Detroit, is Chairman of the Administration Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.)

"Victory Day in Europe—long in our hopes and prayers—is here. It marks the greatest victory in arms the world has ever seen. It signals the complete defeat of history's boldest, most ruthless and best organized attempt by force of arms to enslave nations, override human freedoms and control the world for plunder.



"It is natural that this day should bring us great joy. How will our joy find expression? In unbecomingly revelry or even in mere thoughtless demonstration? That would be regrettable in any circumstances; it would be tragic in view of the sobering fact that a long, hard struggle still faces us in the Far East while much remains to be done before order is restored in the West.

"It would be tragic, too, in its forgetfulness of the price we have paid for victory. That price is best measured in the sacrifice of the hundreds of thousands of our bravest and our best who have been killed or wounded in the war, and in the sorrow that broods over their homes today.

"Ours, then, is a sober joy on this Victory Day in Europe. It should be a reverent joy as well. We turned to God in pleading when the battle in the West was bitter and its issue uncertain.

Now that victory is ours, shall we not turn to Him again to thank Him for the strength and unity that won the day, to commend to His mercy the souls of those who fell in our defense, to ask Him to comfort the afflicted as only He can, to implore the help of His sustaining hand until the end, to beg Him to make us worthy of victory—to keep our hearts and minds free from the hatred and vengeance that war breeds, and intent on

the justice and charity which alone can make peace?

"The world never stood more in need of faith in God and of all the virtues and estimates of things which faith inspires. Victory Day in Europe brings us to a turning point in history. Once again a few powerful nations are in a position to mold the future of the western world. Power alone can prevent conflict, but it cannot make peace. For peace implies order—and order, in human relations, is based on right.

"If power is not organized to protect the nations in their just rights, it cannot preserve peace. The fundamental rights of a nation, as a person, have to do with the things of the soul. If these are not protected, it is not peace but tyranny that is being organized. No nation can be peace-loving if it is not freedom-loving. No nation can be freedom-loving if it is not freedom-giving. Our soldiers in the field have won a victory for freedom under God. Will our governments at the Conference today make that victory secure or will they throw it away?"

B. Forman Co.

Sunday, May 13 is
MOTHER'S DAY

She'll love the clean, spicy freshness of Ann Hamilton's delightful fragrance, "Carnation."

Perfume 3.50 to 11.50

"Carnation" Toilet Water, 2.75

Cosmetics, Street Floor