Italy Faces Famine Unless Food Arrives Quickly---Msgr. Boland

New York — (NC) — The war-torn countries of Europe are in greater need of American help now than at any time since the war began, and America must give that help "if we are to keep the peace we have established," the Rt. Rev. Msgr. John P. Boland, overseas representative of War Relief Services — National Catholic Welfare Conference declared on his return from seven months of relief work in ten countries.

Fr. Boland

Monsignor Boland predicted there will be famine, pestilence and widespread deaths in all war-devastated European areas next Fall and Winter unless the United States sends all it can spare in the way of food, clothing, fuel and materials to provide shelter.

Speaking at a press conference he said that Italy and Greece are the countries in greatest need of clothing and that the need for food in Italy surpasses that of any other country.

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INTER-AMERICAN CATHOLIC ACTION WEEK HELD IN CHILE

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — With the Apostolic Benediction of His Holiness Pope Pius XII, and a cordial welcome to Chile from its President, Dr. Juan Antonio Rios, the First Inter-American Catholic Action Week opened here last week.

President Rios said that the State is desirous of improving the status of the working classes. He also reaffirmed the respect of his Government for religious liberty, at the same time expressing its particular deference to the Catholic Church, of which the majority of Chileans are members.

"Vocations to the Priesthood" was the first subject discussed. With the Rt. Rev. Msgr. Eduardo Escudero, Rector of the Santiago Seminary, as leader, the conference considered the general problem of the scarcity of priests, studied statistics for the various countries, and analyzed causes.

The next topic studied was the labor problem and its affiliated subjects: minimum wage, housing, conditions of labor, and the moral, cultural and religious phases of the question. Labor legislation in the Americas, the Marxist penetration on the one hand and extremist capitalism on the other, and the positive contribution of the Church.

State Department Mum On Myron Taylor Recall

Washington, D.C. — (RNS) — The Department of State has "no comment," to make on requests of various church groups that Myron C. Taylor, the President's personal representative to the Vatican, be recalled.

Tea Cup Battery

It Powers Radio for Priest in Jap Area

Chungking — A radio operated by 100 tea cups enables a Maryknoll Missioner in South China, the Rev. Edward Krumpleman of St. Paul, Minn., to keep in touch with the outside world even though he is completely cut off by Japanese troops.

Father Krumpleman, a graduate of the University of Minnesota in electrical engineering, brought a radio to China just before Pearl Harbor. When his batteries wore out he rigged up a water wheel to operate the radio. When that was no longer feasible he fashioned a homemade battery out of 100 tea cups.

GI's Prayer Vigil On Eve of Death

Killed by Jap Machine Gun Fire Next Day

Somewhere in the Philippines (NC) — Technician John J. Peters, a Catholic boy from Cleveland who was a bull-dozer operator with a combat engineer battalion of the 37th Division, must have had a premonition of impending death the night before he was killed in action on New Georgia Island.

So say his buddies, who spent a long vigil of prayer with him. They tell how he prayed during the night as though he were preparing himself for a meeting with his God on the morrow.

Death came to young Peters the following day as he was opening a trail to a stream of water. Fire from a Japanese machine gun ended his career.

It is related how he organized a sodality choir which "will endure in the memory of the natives long after the war is over." One of his fellow-soldier's said: "He frequently inspired us with his own magnificent faith."

Reich Hierarchy Resets Fulda Meet

Munich — (NC) — The general meeting of the German Hierarchy at the tomb of St. Boniface in Fulda, originally planned for the middle of July, will not take place before August 1, since the preliminary work now in process has shown that more time is needed for the necessary preparations.

It is hoped that by August 1 communications inside Germany will have improved sufficiently to permit the Bishops to reestablish direct contact among themselves and to exchange views on the joint pastoral, which will be the most important item on the agenda of the Fulda meeting.

Difficulties of communication have also made it necessary to postpone for two weeks at least the general meeting of the Bavarian Bishops under His Eminence, Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich.

In the view of Cardinal Faulhaber the most important tasks in his Province concern the reopening of parochial schools and the revival of the religious press. Both steps have been approved by the American military authorities.

Truman Asked To Refuse O.K. of New Polish Regime

New York — (NC) — President Truman was urged to "refuse recognition of the recently established so-called provisional government for Poland at Moscow" in a telegram sent him by officers of the American Polish Association in the East.

The telegram stated that the composition of the provisional government "clearly indicates that it is nothing more than a Communist government, pure and simple," and that the "few non-Communist leaders who are in it represent no one but themselves."

"It is evident," the communication charges, "that they consented to join this government under duress and under the shadow of the trial in Moscow of the real leaders of the Polish fight for freedom."

The reference to the "real leaders" was to the 16 Poles who were arrested when they went to Moscow presumably in connection with the establishment of a new Polish government. Fifteen of the 16 were put on trial for "diversionist activities" behind Red Army lines. Three were acquitted and 12 convicted and sentenced to prison terms ranging from four months to 10 years. The sixteenth defendant was not put on trial because of illness.

Glasgow — (NC) — Charging that arrest of the 16 Polish leaders in Moscow and subsequent prison terms meted out to 12 of them constituted a "violation of international law," the Scottish Committee for Polish Freedom, here, adopted a resolution vehemently denouncing this "flagrant breach of good faith."

The Society also calls upon His Majesty's Government to lodge a protest with the Government of the U. SS. R. and to request that all the prisoners be liberated immediately.

General Meets Mickey's Ma

GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, supreme commander of the Allied Armies, finally meets Mrs. Mary A. McKeogh, of whom he had heard so much from her son, Master Sgt. Michael J. (Mickey) Keogh (left), his chauffeur and orderly since 1941. The meeting took place in New York where the general received the city's most stirring reception. The McKeoghs, who have given five brothers to the service, are members of Our Lady of Sorrow parish, Syracuse, N. Y. Photo by Pfc. George Barris, (NC Photos).

Bishop Lauds Labor, Industry Charter

Confidence that industrial relations in the United States will emerge from the frustration of class conflict to the high level of genuine statesmanship was expressed this week by His Excellency Bishop Kearney who addressed the Rochester Religion and Labor Council on Tuesday noon at the Chamber of Commerce.

The Bishop lauded the charter of labor-management principles signed last March by Eric Johnston, president of the Chamber of Commerce, William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, and Philip Murray, president of the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Bishop Kearney pointed out that over fifty years ago Pope Leo XIII gave this counsel:

"The great mistake is to possess oneself of the idea that class is naturally hostile to class; that rich and poor are intended by nature to live at war with one another. So irrational and false is this view, that the exact contrary is true. Just as the symmetry of the human body is the result of the disposition of the members of the body, so in a state it is ordained by nature that these two classes exist in harmony and agreement, and should as it were fit into one another, so as to maintain the equilibrium of the body politic. Each requires the other, capital cannot do without labor, nor labor without capital."

The Bishop expressed satisfaction that after half a century the Papal doctrine of industrial cooperation is finding application in such agreements as the charter signed by Messers Johnston, Green and Murray.

"There is so much at stake in the project, it must be made to work," he concluded.

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