

Poland Seen Worse Than Under Nazis

Two reports on conditions in Poland, both presented by western writers, show a striking similarity in picturing chaotic conditions in that country. "Everything is being shipped to Russia," says the first report, which appeared in the CHRISTIAN CENTURY, an independent national weekly journal of religion, published in this country, while the second report, published in THE MONTH, a British Catholic monthly, terms the occupation of Poland by the Russians "even worse than that of the German armies."

"Poland is a land in sore need of everything civilized man looks upon as essential to existence," Ann Su Cardwell states in an article titled "Chaos in Poland," in The Christian Century, an independent weekly journal of religion. "Without great assistance from the outside," Miss Cardwell warns, "large numbers of the Polish population cannot much longer meet the minimum needs of food and shelter."

Miss Cardwell stresses that when the Red armies and the Soviet forces entered Poland, food was being shipped to the east and the people were permitted to send food articles to Russia, which she adds, "practically unworked whole areas of stocks and produce on hand; and the requisitioning continues."

Letters reaching this country through various channels assert that "everything is being shipped to Russia," Miss Cardwell writes. "Farm machinery and livestock of all kinds have been taken from the Poles and sent to their eastern neighbors. After a tour of Poland, UNRRA delegates state that 98 percent of agricultural labor in Poland is now performed by hand. British prisoners of war report seeing as many as 15 persons hitched to a plow in western Poland."

There was less cooperation and collaboration with the Germans in Poland than in any other occupied country, yet Poland's reward for her years of grim suffering under Nazi occupation is "another occupation, even worse, it must be said, than that of the German armies," writes Elton F. Hunt in The Month, British Catholic monthly.

The author, an Englishwoman who lived in Poland from 1935 until March 1945, gives a detailed picture of the terror spread by the Nazi regime and the heroism of the Polish resistance, which she says provided "patriotic and valiant Polish help to the Allies."

It would be almost impossible to describe the conditions in Poland today, she says, but she says that the Polish people are suffering from a "state of complete anarchy" and that the country is "a mass of suffering and death."

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Rev. Edward A. McGuirk, M.M., of Hartford, Conn., Maryknoll missionary and former editor of Fides News Service, who has been released from a Japanese prison camp in Manchuria, presumably by Red Army troops. In South China since 1937, he was interned by the Japanese immediately following Pearl Harbor. (NC Photos)

Would Keep Atomic Bomb Secret
Chicago (INS) Senator Tom Connally believes the United States should retain the atomic bomb secrets: "It is ours and the world can rest assured that we shall never use it except in our own necessary self-defense or in a threat against the peace of the world."

High School Closes as Nuns Resign After Group Protest

Solon, N. D. — Following the resignation of several Catholic Sisters from their positions as teachers in the public school district here, as the result of a protest by a small minority group that Religious should not be permitted to teach in the local consolidated elementary and high school, the high school has been compelled to close, depriving students in the district of an opportunity to complete their courses.

Since the resignation of the nuns it has been found possible to open the elementary school with substitute teachers, but the high school remains closed.

Last spring the school board, of which one member is a non-Catholic, agreed unanimously to a plan to secure Sisters to teach in the public school if possible. They set forth as their reason that the State "requires that we hire only qualified teachers, and our financial condition does not warrant us to pay the salaries that are demanded; therefore, unless we are able to get Sisters, we will not be able to open our schools this fall."

The plan was not in any way new in the State, it was pointed out, as in many instances min-

isters, priests, and Sisters have been pressed into service to teach in the public schools in various localities. The Sisters asked to serve here were hesitant about taking the post, but finally accepted after they had been assured there would be no

opposition to their teaching in the community, which is 90 to 95 per cent Catholic. On their arrival here, the nuns found a small group opposed to them and immediately sought cancellation of their contracts.

Reveals Why Russian Church In Rome Closed Temporarily

Rome (UPI) — Some details have now been learned about the reason why the Russian Orthodox Church in Rome, located on Via Palestro, was closed from the beginning of May to the middle of June, and why its priest, Archimandrite Simon, was unable to exercise his functions for several months.

Early in May 1945, Patriarch Alexei of the Russian Orthodox Church summoned Archimandrite Simon, who had never recognized the reconstituted Russian hierarchy, to submit himself and his church to the jurisdiction of the Moscow Patriarchate. When he refused, an order coming directly from the Moscow Government ordered the church to be

closed. This order was complied with.

In the middle of June, services began to be held again because an Orthodox priest from Florence, belonging to a family of the Russian nobility, substituted for the Archimandrite. He declared, however, expressly that his submission to Moscow did not mean subordination in his conscience but that he had declared his submission only to make the continuation of religious services possible.

Very recently, Archimandrite Simon has come back. He is now conducting services again. It has not been possible up to now to learn whether or not he signed a statement of submission to Moscow.

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