

### Soviets Refuted Again at Vatican

Vatican City — (NC) — The centuries-old tradition of the papacy has been, above all, a light to renew the laws of Christ among men who have forgotten or are opposed to them. Observers before Rome state in an editorial refuting Russian charges that the Pontiff in a recent discourse had declared himself against renewal and changes of laws. The Russian charges were made by the newspaper Pravda and broadcast over the Moscow radio.

Why such a vague reference to a recent discourse? Why not name the discourse if there is one? asks Observers in its reply. Actually, the editorial points out, the Holy Father in his recent address to the Roman Rota referred to the fallacy of authoritarian governments under which the popular will is denied expression and that influence which is essential in a just juridic or-

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priests, unjustly condemned, we are not trying to exonerate those who are really guilty. We admit that among our priests there were a few who, carried away by nationalistic and partisan passions, sinned against Christian charity and justice. But, and we must stress the fact, the number of such priests was negligible.

Not one of the 100 Catholic publications existing before the war is published today, the Pastoral declares, and all attempts to obtain permission for their publication meet excuses and evasions. Many Catholic printing plants have been seized and not returned, it states.

Religious teaching is no longer obligatory in the public schools and those who desire religious instruction must file special applications.

Catholic boarding schools have been placed in the hands of political commissars, the Pastoral reveals, and Catholic private schools, hitherto fully accredited, are not to be reopened, according to persons close to the government.

The fulfillment of religious obligations on Sundays and holidays has, in many instances, been made impossible because of meetings and rallies held on Sunday mornings.

"Christian marriage has been decried by the introduction of civil marriage," the Pastoral says, "and civilian secular authorities, without notifying Church authorities, have assumed the right of granting divorces to Catholic couples married before Catholic priests."

Under the so-called agrarian reform the Church has been subject to many injustices, the Bishops declare. "This reform" despoils the Church of all real estate," they explain, "together with all operational equipment, without any compensation, as if the Church had acquired such property by theft."

Catholic religious orders of women are, almost daily, exposed to chicaneries, the Bishops complain. State officers "are openly aiming at depriving the Sisters of their hospitals, which they had built through their own hard work and at great sacrifice."

Finally, the Pastoral reminds of the "painful fact" that not even the graves of the dead are spared.

### Prisoners Aided by Novenas To Martyrs of Nagasaki

Honolulu — (NC) — The story of two novenas to the 26 canonized martyrs of Nagasaki by American prisoners in Japanese hands when they were in desperate straits was told here by the Rev. John Leonard Curran, O.F.M., Army Chaplain, who is on his way home after being held prisoner since the fall of Bataan.

The prisoners received evident answers to their prayers to the Nagasaki martyrs on both occasions, Father Curran said.

The first novena was made by American prisoners while their prison ship was making its way to Japan and the prospect of death by drowning or more prolonged torture in the holds was before them. A safe landing in

Japan was made as the novena ended.

Again towards the end of the war, prisoners at the Fukuoka Prison Camp No. 3, who were being worked to the limit of endurance, sometimes under bombing attacks and finally with the threat of atomic bombing imminent, commenced a novena to the martyrs of Nagasaki. The surrender of Japan came as this novena ended, Father Curran related.

Homes for 50,000 Children  
Madrid — (INS) — The Spanish Cabinet has decided to offer the United Nations accommodations for fifty thousand children in various charitable homes during the coming winter.



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### On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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But he was impatient to get to his nearby command post. He made a dash for it and had just reached it when a direct enemy hit killed him.

In the rich traditions of the South Bend school the name of Jack Chevigny will always be linked with that of the All-American star George Gipp. Notre Dame's greatest football player and the boy who came back from another world one autumn day to win one more game for his old coach, Knute Rockne.

It was in 1920 at the height of his athletic career that The Gipper, as he was called, was stricken with a throat infection. He happened to be a non-Catholic but when he lay dying at South Bend he was received into the Catholic Church at his own request.

Rockne was heart-broken. His eyes swelled with tears as he held the severed hand of the dying Gipper.

"It's pretty tough to go," whispered someone at the bedside.

"What's tough about it?" The Gipper smiled back. "I've no complaint. I'm ready and I'm not afraid."

Then The Gipper, great even in death, turned to Rockne.

"Somebody, Rock," he smiled, "when the team's up against it, when things are wrong and the breaks are beating the boys — tell them to go in there with all they've got and win just one for The Gipper. I don't know where I'll be then, Rock, but I'll know about it, and I'll be happy."

This deathbed message of the gallant Gipp remained in Rockne's stout heart for eight years. In 1928 the football fortunes of Rockne's men were at a low ebb and he was a thrice-defeated team which travelled that year to New York to meet an undefeated Army squad.

Notre Dame surprised everyone by playing Army to a scoreless tie during the first half of the game. Between halves the Notre Dame boys, including a husky chap called Jack Chevigny, gathered around their coach.

Then for the first time Rockne told the story of Gipp's death. The hearts of the Fighting Irish pounded as Rock quoted The Gipper's deathbed request.

"Now go out there," concluded Rockne, "and win this one for The Gipper!"

Army ran the third-period kick-off back 73 yards for the game's first touchdowns, but Notre Dame with the vision of the dying Gipper before them struck back. It was Jack Chevigny who took over and led the offensive for the Fighting Irish. He plunged forward and cleared his way through the Army line in a game that ended in a 13-0 victory for Notre Dame.

"That's one for The Gipper!" he grinned.

But the game still had to be won and Chevigny was back at the attack. Again his strong body struggled and plunged until Notre Dame was once more in scoring position. But Chevigny's tremendous efforts had exhausted him and Rockne took him out of the game. But in came "One-Play" Johnny O'Brien who took a pass from Johnny Nemic for the touchdown which spelled a sensational upset victory for the Rockne men and the heirs of George Gipp.

"That's one for The Gipper, too," whispered an exhausted but happy Chevigny.

The saga of Jack Chevigny's life was not climaxed on that unforgettable November day of 1928. Here is the rest of the story.

After his graduation from Notre Dame he tried his hand at coaching football. His success caused Texas University to hire him as its head coach. For his first game of his first season at that university he brought his team to South Bend and gave his old Alma Mater a 7 to 0 beating.

At the close of the football season, at a banquet for the Texas team, Chevigny was presented with a gold fountain pen on which was inscribed: "To Jack Chevigny, a Notre Dame boy who beat Notre Dame."

Eventually the war came. The former Notre Dame star joined the Marines and went to his tragic death on Okinawa. Now for the strange sequel.

On September 1 of this year when the Japanese envoys came aboard the U. S. S. Missouri, anchored in Tokyo Bay, to sign the terms of surrender, there was a ceremony in the matter of pens.

One of the Japanese envoys, it was noticed, was using a gold fountain pen. When the Americans examined it they discovered this inscription: "To Jack Chevigny, a Notre Dame boy, who beat Notre Dame."

Apparently Chevigny's pen had been picked up by the Japanese after his death on Okinawa.

After its discovery aboard the Missouri, Chevigny's pen was sent home but not before his friends had changed the inscription to read:

"To Jack Chevigny, a Notre Dame boy who gave his life for his country in the spirit of old Notre Dame."

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