

Censoring of Fulda Pastoral Revoked: Censor Recalled to U.S.

By Max Jordan

Munich—(AP)—At last, making possible after its publication, Catholics in the Archdiocese of Munich will become familiar with the text of the Joint Pastoral issued by the German Hierarchy at their general meeting in Fulda.

HIROHITO A CHRISTIAN?

Tokyo—(AP)—Emperor Hirohito of Japan will become a Christian "in the near future," it was predicted here by Shigeru Nambara, newly named president of Tokyo's Imperial University.

The predicting Emperor Hirohito's conversion to Christianity, this dispatch does not indicate whether it may be Catholic or Protestant Christianity to which the Japanese ruler is inclined.

Nambara did not reveal the evidence upon which he based his prediction, but it has been known that Hirohito has been studying Christian theology and writings ever since the end of the war. It is reported that the whole Imperial household is intensely interested in the Christian faith.

If the Emperor is converted, many of his subjects are also likely to become Christians. As the highest priest of the Shinto hierarchy, Hirohito is the spiritual leader of the country.

The naming of Nambara to head the Imperial University makes him the first Christian to be elevated to a high post in Japanese educational circles. The others are Naomasa Mase, 64, Minister of Education, and Kotoiro Tsubota, Catholic head of the College and University Section of the Ministry.

A competent official of the American Military Government has informed Cardinal Michael von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich, that there are no longer objections to the publication of the complete, uncensored version of the Bishops' letter to German Catholics.

Furthermore, it has become known that Capt. John R. Rosey, who saw fit to blurbell three passages of the document, has been relieved from his duties as a member of the Information Control Division, and is understood to be back in the United States.

Cardinal Faulhaber, who had refused to permit reading of the censored document from pulpits in his See, is known to be greatly pleased at the interest taken by higher American authorities and at their action to remedy the situation.

The Munich Prelate plans to give instructions for the reading of the Pastoral immediately after it has been printed in the official archdiocesan organ. Since this journal as a matter of routine, is subject to American censorship, a few more days may pass before final action is taken.

One of the three passages to which the censor objected as being "political" and concerning matters that are "none of the Church's business," dealt with the question of individual versus collective guilt. The German Bishops, in calling for adherence to the principle of individual responsibility, had expressed views identical with those promulgated by the American Bishops in their November 1945 statement.

The American censor had paid a second objection to the Bishops' demand that the Church "must" retain the liberty of establishing elementary schools. He said that the Church in Germany cannot formulate demands but may only ask favors from the occupation authorities. It was pointed out at the time that this attitude of the censor was not in accordance with the official directives to the American commander in Germany, issued last April.

Cardinal Faulhaber is understood to have decided on a postponement of his trip until next spring when weather conditions are more favorable.

TOTS HEIGHTEN YULE CHEER



Christmas and New Year would not be complete without the joyful sounds of happy children, so at holiday parties held in USO clubs operated by the National Catholic Community Service, children of all ages frolicked with merry men and women. Robert H. Tanslow, Storekeeper 3/c U. S. N., of Peoria, Ill., holds Mary Ann Condon while she shows him her new picture book at the NCCS Cathedral Canteen in New York City. (NC Photos).

Church's Problems Weighed in Japan Vatican-Japan Break Awaited

Tokyo—(AP)—Archbishop Frier Dai of Tokyo presided at a three day conference at Sophia University here to discuss Church problems throughout Japan. Also present were Bishop Paul Taguchi of Osaka, Father Bruno Ritter, Jesuit procurator, the Rev. Patrick J. Myers, M. M., and Navy Chaplain John F. Regan of Rockford, Ill. A note of optimism regarding the future of the Church in Japan marked the deliberations, it was reported.

Of 38 Franciscan Missionaries of Mary stationed at the Seibo Hyoin Hospital here, 30 are of Japanese birth and eight represent other nationalities. But once during the many raids, the hospital now stands virtually intact amid surrounding ruins.

Rome (AP)—The Holy See has not been officially notified of General Douglas MacArthur's order requiring the Japanese government to cease diplomatic relations with the Holy See, according to Vatican officials.

Church spokesmen pointed out that General MacArthur's order may result in a demand for extradition of Japanese envoy Ken Harada, who is still in residence at Vatican City with his staff. Such a request, it was said, "will not meet with approval."

It is recalled that former German Ambassador Baron Ernest von Weizsaecker has continued to reside in Vatican City, and that Leon Gerard, French Ambassador under the Vichy regime, has not left his palace there despite the fact that his successor, Dr. Jacques Maritain, is in Rome with a full staff.

Catholic Lay Leader Named Cologne Mayor

Cologne—(AP)—Dr. Hermann Puerder, one of the outstanding Catholic laymen of Germany, has been appointed mayor of Cologne by the British occupation authorities. He was arrested by the Gestapo in July, 1944, in connection with the attempt on Adolf Hitler's life, and later liberated from a Nazi concentration camp by Allied troops.

Nuncio to Brazil One of New Cardinals

Rio de Janeiro—(AP)—Archbishop Bento Aloisio Macella, Apostolic Nuncio to Brazil, since 1937, has declared that he would leave for Rome early in February.

Archbishop Macella is dean of the Foreign Diplomatic Corps in Brazil.

Priest Ban Raises Air Freedom Issue

Cincinnati (AP)—"Is it within the competency of a radio station to determine for itself what constitutes freedom of the radio?"

This question was put by Magr. Clarence G. Isenmann, Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in a stern rebuke to the manager of Station WKRC here, which had excluded from the air, as "controversial," a dialogue address by two priests explaining Catholic teaching on the rights of labor.

Following the action of the station, branded by Monsignor Isenmann "as a grave insult to the Catholic Church of this locality," the Archdiocesan authorities decided to discontinue the entire series of radio addresses in which 14 priests were scheduled to present the Catholic position on vital issues of the day.

The Archdiocese was obliged to take this action, Monsignor Isenmann explained in his letter to H. E. Fast, manager of WKRC, "in self-respect and in

a sense of responsibility to the public."

"It could not," he continued, "for an instant be a champion of freedom of radio and allow your station to exclude from the air as controversial its statement of principles."

Referring to press statements that the addresses were to be given on free time and implying that the station was the "host" and the priest-speakers merely "guests" who are not expected or even permitted to say anything objectionable to the "host," Monsignor Isenmann emphatically rejected this viewpoint with the following remarks:

"Our government is wisely insisting that radio stations allot a certain amount of free time to programs that will interest especially the general public. I am informed that many radio stations are not giving their full quota of free time. If time in the radio station be taken up entirely by commercial programs, it is obvious that commercial interests will control or slant these programs to their own interest."

Maryknoll Bishop Flays China Reds; Defends Chiang

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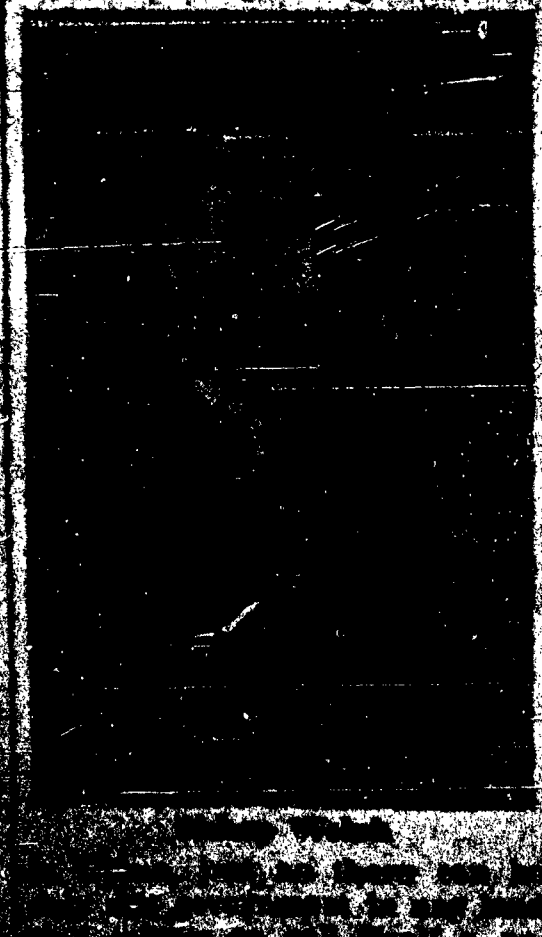
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A two-party system would doubtless benefit China — and there would such a system now if the Communists had accepted the repeated offer of the government to legalize them as a political party — but meanwhile the Kuomintang is not a collection of dictators and malefactors but is largely composed of the most patriotic, cultured, enlightened and responsible men in China.

Many shades of political belief are represented within its ranks and many types of character — some good, some bad, some broad, some narrow, some virtuous, some selfish, but the Kuomintang as a group has provided China with its best leadership for a

solidarity of the people in general and to their responsible government in particular.

There is only one government



governments, there are two nations.

This is the legitimate, constitutional National Government that has guaranteed the continuity of republican rule ever since its original establishment by Dr. Sun Yat Sen, is presided over by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek and the other duly appointed officials, is subscribed to by the whole 450,000,000 of China's population with the sole exception of a handful of typically disloyal communists, and is recognized by every civilized nation on the globe.

It is not a perfect government nor is it one that has been elected by the democratic machinery of popular suffrage, but neither is it a bad or reactionary government, and it is in no sense an arbitrary dictatorship.

It is a good government and a well intentioned one, a government that has planned and reforms for the welfare of its people, and that has the ability and the will to do so.

placed some necessary restrictions on its citizens, but such measures were recognized as essential to the war effort and were



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desire — one that will keep them united and progressive as a nation while gradually evolving the complete machinery of democratic rule — although it is not the only sort it is possible for them to have, for there still remain the alternative extremes of communist slavery, libertarian chaos, and piecemeal partition.

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