

Red Policy Draws Fire of Card. Griffin

London — (RNS) — Speaking to an overflow congregation that greeted him upon his return from Rome, Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, charged that Russia has brought world affairs to "a perilous position than they were before Munich." The Cardinal did not mention the Soviet Union by name, but there was no doubt as to which nation he referred.

"It is perhaps not without significance," Cardinal Griffin said, "that the Holy See and this country are being subjected to the attacks and false propaganda of the press of a country which did magnificently in the war and from which we hoped much in the cause of peace."

"The Catholic Church and the British nation stand firm for the freedom of the individual man. Both are determined to uphold the dignity of man. Both desire the re-establishment of peace and order and both desire justice, truth and charity and enlightened world policies."

Campaign of Discord

"But we are disturbed in our own conscience when one peace-loving country after another is being subjected to attacks from outside. We ask whether it is in the cause of peace that constant attacks should be made on existing governments, and why there is an organized campaign to sow discord among peace-loving peoples."

Cardinal Griffin urged that countries which fought with the Allies but are still "under the domination of a foreign power," be allowed to hold free, unfettered elections. "Secret police should be removed from these countries," he added, "and the iron curtain separating eastern and western Europe should be raised."

Stressing that all nations must enjoy religious freedom, the British Cardinal quoted reliable sources have reported that bishops, priests and laymen in many parts of Europe are being bitterly persecuted.

Renewed FEPC Fight Pledged

New York — (NO) — The fight for the Fair Employment Practices Act has just begun, it was emphasized at a rally of 15,000 persons in Madison Square Garden here. The defeat suffered by the bill in the Senate filibuster was just the end of the first round, the speakers reassured. Eventually the bill will win, they said, because it is right, decent and American.

Labor Secretary Lewis B. Swollenbach; Senators Wayne Morse of Oregon and Dennis Chavez of New Mexico, principal sponsors of the bill; Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt; former New York Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia; representatives of the CIO and AFL; and George K. Hinton, secretary of the Catholic Interracial Council and editor of the *Interracial Review*, were among the speakers.

"I come here clothed with full authority to speak on behalf of President Truman," Secretary Swollenbach declared. "He is just as determined as was his predecessor that this fair employment practice principle be enacted into law by the Congress of the United States."

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The UNO an 'Unpleasant Farce'? Critic Sees Christian Formulas Ignored

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London — Looking back on the dramatic first session of the General Assembly of the United Nations held here, one makes its mercurial effect on Catholic opinion.

It opened with scepticism, even indifference, that anything useful could come from such a gathering of such delegates at such a time and place. Then the sincere goodwill and honest endeavor of these humanitarians in the opening plauditory speeches awakened real interest and even enthusiasm among Catholics. Gradually, however, as the assembly got down to real business, the brilliantly subtle maneuverings of power politics came into view in which most of the delegates were silent onlookers swung back the mood to its earlier doubts.

Then, three or four days before the sessions broke up, the words of the London Catholic Universe reflected the feeling that the Security Council — heart and soul of the whole organization — had "become an unpleasant farce."

Never in deliberations, except perhaps to balance a nicely

weighed sentiment, had the UNO speakers invoked the name of Christ. Never in all councils for the social future of the world had they referred to those essential social formulas of the Christian religion, or even of the Papal Encyclicals of Pope Leo XIII and Pope Pius IX. Never had the Christian philosophy towards its ideals been openly and frankly expressed — and yet they had sought peace.

One of the most extraordinary points in this connection is that so many Catholic delegates — some of them, of course, nominal Catholics — from so many countries with Catholic majorities made their Christian principles so little felt.

In their final summing up of the deliberations of the 51 nations the Catholic observers here were generally pessimistic.

"UNO Becomes a Puppet Show; Delegates are Afraid to Speak the Truth." With this banner headline, the special UNO correspondent of the Universe plunged unhesitatingly into his explanation of why the assembly

has failed.

"The marks of this Assembly have been cowardly and time-serving," he wrote. "The debate on the resolution about Spain provides a clear and specific example of these vices. The justice or injustice of General Franco's Government does not affect the accusation. False statements were made which could have been corrected on the authority of Mr. Churchill but no voice was raised.

"Half-truths were told because the whole truth would have made an unpleasant hearing for members of the Assembly. Finally two members alone voted against a resolution which had no other function than to permit attack on those who could not defend themselves and to increase bitterness in an embittered world.

The London Catholic Herald declared that the main business of the security council had been beside the point, referring to what is called premature attempts to settle the questions of Persia, Greece, Indonesia, Syria and Lebanon, and stated that there was an "infinitely greater urgency" on two other questions, starvation and persecution.

Prelate Places Blame For World Despair

Dublin — (NC) — The avowed anti-Christian influences of communism and the following garnered by materialistic scientists are in a good measure responsible for the depression of despair which has engulfed the world today, Bishop Michael Browne of Galway Kilmaedagh, contended in his sermon at the brilliant ceremonies which marked the consecration of Bishop Patrick O'Neill of Limerick on Feb. 28, in St. John's Cathedral, Limerick.

In his sermon, Bishop Browne asserted that the preachings of scientists and others on the contention that religion is unnecessary has led many people to dispense with God.

He declared that statesmen have gathered in peace conferences and have made frenzied appeals for good will, justice and tolerance, but, he stressed, they have failed to invoke the name and the aid of God in their undertakings.

Counseling on the danger of Communism, the Bishop declared its evil influence can be seen in the anti-Christian activities of one power, which has abolished freedom of conscience, freedom of speech and work, and which officially is pledged to destroy the Christian religion and the moral law.

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