

Vatican Organ Renews 'Pravda' Lies Charge

Vatican City—(NC)—Osservatore Romano has again given a blunt answer to Pravda, communist newspaper in Moscow, and has again shown the baselessness of the Russian attacks on the Holy See.

Jubilee for Kin Of St. Therese

Sister Genevieve of the Holy Face, a sister of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, has celebrated the golden jubilee of her religious life at the Carmelite chapel in Lisieux.

Archbishop Roucaill, Apostolic Nuncio to France, presided at the ceremony and presented the jubilarian with a rosary and staff in testimony of her long years of chastened life.

During the ceremony Bishop Francois Picard of Bayeux and Lisieux drew attention to heretofore unpublished documents showing the devotion which united Saint Therese to her sister, who, he said, was a guiding influence in the Saint's youth and in her religious life.

The Little Flower's oldest sister, Mother Agnes of Jesus, prioress of the Carmel in Lisieux, now 84 years of age, marked the 50th anniversary of her religious life in May 1944. If living today St. Therese would be 78 years old.

Sex Study Exemption Sought for Catholics

Vancouver—(RNS)—Exemption of Catholic children from sex instruction in public schools was demanded here by Rev. W. M. Duke, Archbishop of Vancouver.

In an official letter he urged parents to ask for such exemption for their children. Archbishop Duke said the church is unalterably opposed to sex education in the schools and insists that this role be left with the parents.

Cuba Cardinal in Spain—(RNS)—Manuel Cardinal Artaza y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana, Cuba, has returned here from Rome where he attended the recent congress. He remains in Spain until April 5 and plans to visit several cities.

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In a two-column editorial entitled: "Whether it pleases the gentlemen of Pravda or not," the Vatican journal replied to Moscow's repeated attempt to counter the Osservatore editorial of January 14 headed "Point by Point".

In which Pravda was told more than a dozen times that it "lies" and "deceives." In that editorial Osservatore reviewed in detail the old Soviet charges that the Vatican was, and still is, pro-Hitler and pro-fascist, and proved in each case that these charges were baseless and malicious.

Loss for Argument

In its new editorial Osservatore first points to the long delay between the January 14 editorial and Pravda's attempt to answer it. This tardiness, the Vatican journal remarks, was evidently due to the fact that the Soviet newspaper was at a loss for authentic arguments and documents to support its charges and had, in reality, to fabricate them.

"We have proved," Osservatore writes, "that the Pope does not censure antifascists; that he is not indulgent toward war criminals; that he does not champion a soft peace for those who lost the war; that in his 1934 Christmas message he was not for fascist oppressors and against innocent war sufferers; that he did not attack democracy."

Proof Is Asked

"We have denied and asked proof for the assertion," the editorial continues, "that Pope Pius XI congratulated Mussolini after the occupation of Ethiopia." We have shown the falsity of the charge that the Catholic Hierarchy under Theodor Cardinal Inzinger, Archbishop of Vienna, recommended support for the Nazi invader of Austria. We have denied and asked proof for the charges that the Vatican took any active part in the German and Italian intervention in Spain, or that the Vatican supported the German government against Czechoslovakia, as Pravda proclaimed.

"And now," Osservatore goes on to say, "Pravda's writer Borisov comes along and, far from replying to these denials, says forthwith that they are not denials but confirmations of Pravda's first charges."

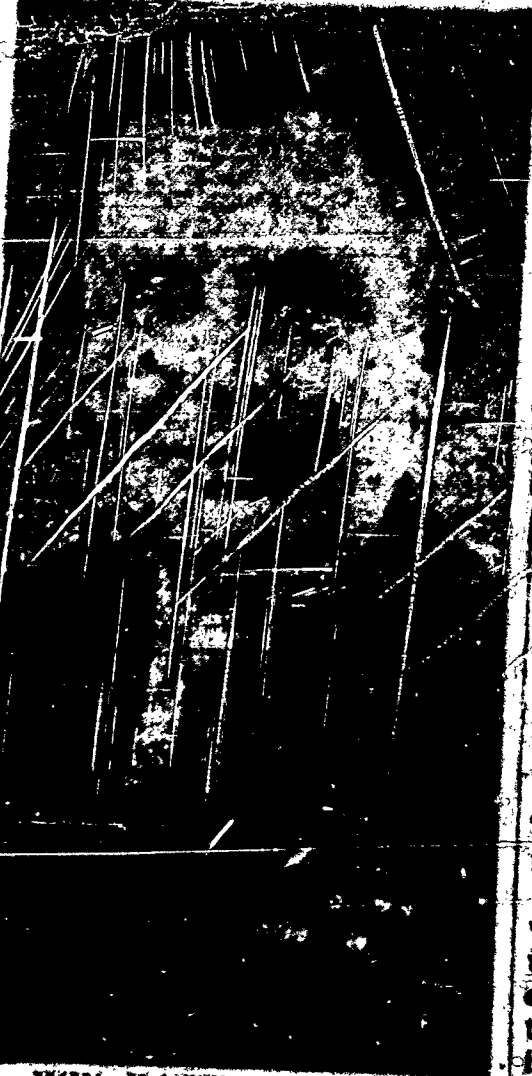
Osservatore then takes up the attempt by Pravda to furnish dates and facts on the Soviet paper had been asked to do in the "Point by Point" editorial, in support of the validity of its charges. According to the press summary of Pravda's answer, Osservatore points out, the Russian newspaper admits that its documents is not any authentic and authorized publication but, in Pravda's own words, "the French edition of a certain Catholic publishing house in Paris."

Calling attention to the vagueness in citing the source, Osservatore then reveals that the real source of Pravda's documentation is nothing else but a book written by a French publicist employed by the Vichy Propaganda Minister to tie in and to twist Vatican statements to St. Vichy policy.

His Bishop Thanked For Strike Relief Aid

Phila., Pa.—(NC)—Philip Murray, president of the CIO, has sent a letter of thanks to Bishop John Mark Gannon of Philadelphia for the relief aid given to the CIO strikers.

Deputy Chief



REV. PATRICK J. RYAN

New Deputy Chief Of Chaplains Named

Washington—(NC)—The Rev. Patrick J. Ryan has been named to succeed Magr. William D. Cleary as Deputy Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army upon the latter's retirement April 1. He is a veteran of 19 years' Army service and was much decorated for combat duty in the late world war.

Father Ryan, who holds the rank of colonel, was Senior Chaplain of the U. S. Fifth Army in Italy for 20 months. He has won honors from four countries: The Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star from the United States, in addition to five Battle Stars and the Arrowhead for the invasion of North Africa and Salerno, the Order of the British Empire, the Order of Crown and the Bronze Medal of Valor With Star from Italy, and the Medal of War from Brazil.

Father Ryan offered Mass at Santa Maria degli Angeli Church in Rome in June, 1944, on the first Sunday after the liberation of the Eternal City, with more than 10,000 persons in attendance, about half of them members of his old outfit, the Third Infantry Division.

Since returning from Italy in July 1945, Father Ryan has been in charge of the Plans and Training Division of the Office of the Chief of Chaplains at the Pentagon Building here.

He was born in Litchfield, Minn., on Dec. 3, 1902. He received a B.A. degree from St. Thomas College, St. Paul, in 1923, and was ordained in 1927 at St. Paul Seminary, St. Paul. He served at St. Helena's Church, Minneapolis, for a year before entering military service as a chaplain.

Seminary Officials to Hear Law

Washington—(NC)—Eugene J. Butler, of the Legal Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, will discuss "Legal Questions Touching the Seminaries" at the Seminary Department meeting of the convention of the National Catholic Educational Association in St. Louis April 23-25.

Pope Receives Palestinian Rabbi

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)—The Holy Father received the Chief Rabbi of Palestine, who was received by His Holiness Pope Pius XII when the Jewish leader visited the Eternal City.

Pope Asks U. S. Charity In Immigration Laws

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)—Pope Pius XII called upon the United States to exercise "Christian charity" in its restriction on foreign immigration, as a happy alternative to the "forced transfer of helpless, innocent populations." The Pope made his plea in addressing a group of U. S. immigration officials, whom he received in private audience.

The American party, which included Immigration Commissioner Ugo Carusi of the Department of Justice, and Howard K. Travers and Eugen J. Cronin of the State Department, was presented to the Pontiff by Franklin C. Gowen, assistant to Myron C. Taylor, the President's personal representative at the Vatican.

"The question of immigration which your chairman has entrusted to your study at this critical period of world history," the Pope said in his brief address in English, "is one in which your countrymen have large experience and competency. For cent-

uries the shores of America offered a generous, hospitable haven to peoples of other lands oppressed by tyranny or forced by poverty or religious persecution to seek safety in exile, and the country did not lose thereby.

Contribution of immigrants. "Even a casual student of American history is familiar with the valuable contribution made by foreign immigration to the defense and growth of the nation and knows how it came from overseas aided conspicuously in building the new country intellectually, socially, and religiously.

"Yet it is not surprising that changing circumstances have brought about a certain restriction on foreign immigration.



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