

MILLION POUNDS OF FOOD SENT TO GERMANY

New York — (NC) — The first shipment from the United States of private relief supplies to the German people by War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference has been shipped on the S.S. Antioch Victory, it is announced by Magn. Patrick A. O'Boyle, executive director of that organization. The shipment consists of 500 tons of food valued at \$349,000.

The food will be landed at Bremerhaven where U. S. Army Transportation will deliver it to headquarters of Caritas Verband, a federation of all German Catholic Welfare agencies. This shipment which is the first under the plan authorized by President Truman several weeks ago will be followed next week by another from War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, consisting of food and clothing. Thereafter, there will be one shipment per month. Shipments inadequate. The size of these future shipments will have to be increased as soon as more shipping space becomes available. At present this is inadequate for the amount of supplies needed, and will be even more so this Spring and Summer. At that time according to reports from representatives of War Relief Services, foreign contributions, and other sources, millions of destitute Germans who have been expelled from their homes in Poland and Czechoslovakia will arrive in Germany. If they are to exist at all they must be fed, housed and clothed. Since they are not eligible for aid from UNRRA, it will devolve upon voluntary agencies such as War Relief Services to help them.

"It will be a tremendous task," the Monsignor continued, "but if the American people will help us in this work of Christian Charity, hundreds of thousands of children, old and ill people who cannot help themselves, will be saved from starvation and disease."

PAPAL BALLOT IS REVISED

Vatican City — (NC) — Strict protection of the secrecy surrounding the voting for a future Pope and added precautions against outside influences are among the most important provisions in the revised Apostolic Constitution drafted by His Holiness Pope Pius XII recently made public.

The most significant change in the establishment of a new ballot, which is a model of simplicity. Heretofore, the ballot also was secret, but provided a place for the name, motto and seal of the individual Cardinal.

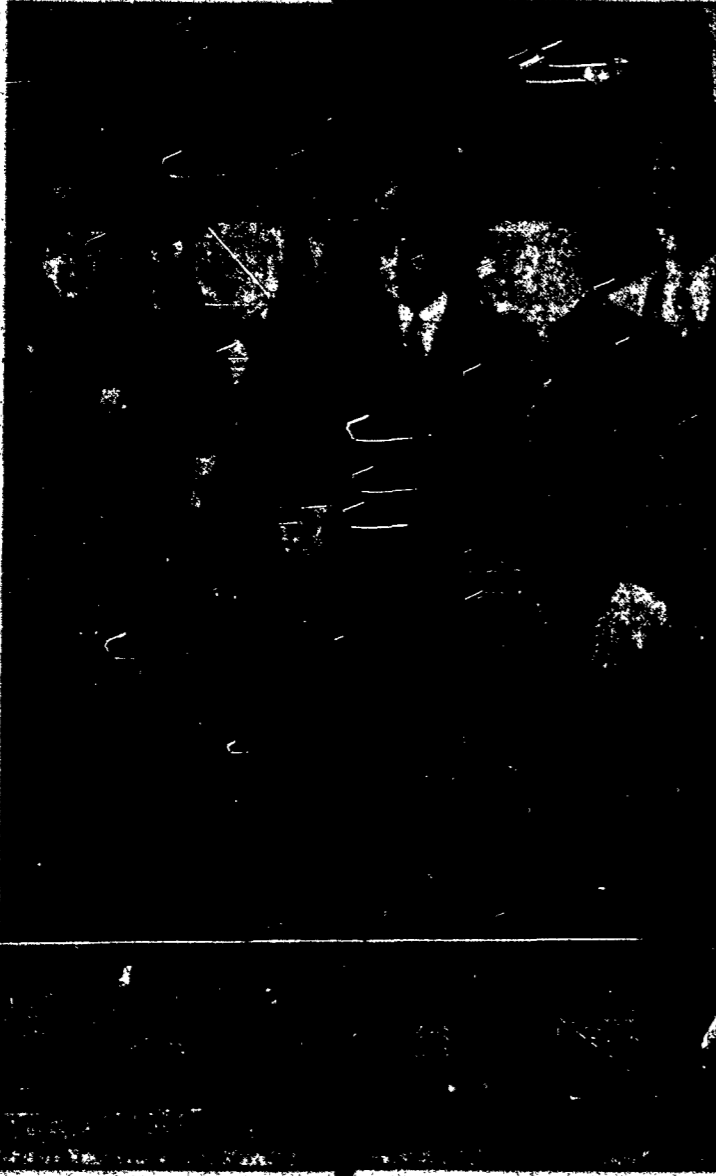
In the event an exact two-third majority was recorded for a Papal candidate, the ballots were opened to make certain that the candidate had not cast a vote for himself, thereby exposing the identities of the electors. In an election governed by canon law, a vote for oneself is invalid.

The revised Constitution provides for a new ballot, rectangular with two sides upon which is printed the Latin equivalent of "I choose as Supreme Pontiff the Most Reverend Cardinal..." with space for the name of the candidate.

The rule made by Pope Pius XI in 1922 regarding the time when a Conclave is to be called after the death of a Pope is confirmed in the revised Constitution. This rule provides that a period of 15 days must elapse after the death of a Pope to enable Cardinals from distant lands to reach Rome. It further provides that, if necessary, the waiting period may be extended to 15 days.

Western Germany to Have 8 Catholic Magazines
Frankfurt on Main — Now that their freedom has been reestablished, Catholic editors and publishers in Germany are actively engaged in staging a comeback on a national scale. No less than eight Catholic magazines are about to resume publication in the American, British and French zones.

CHURCHILL AND CARDINAL



When Francis Cardinal Spellman of New York set out for the visit of Winston Churchill last week, the two famous persons were seen walking together in the area (Churchill left) across the street at 49th Street and Park Avenue with their police escort.

CHURCHILL SEES CARD. SPELLMAN

New York — (NC) — On the last day of his stay in this country, Winston Churchill called on His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, who escorted the former British Prime Minister on a tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral and later was a luncheon guest at Mr. Churchill's apartment.

Cardinal Spellman was walking in the doorway when Mr. Churchill's car drew up before the Cardinal's residence. His Eminence took the former Prime Minister into the Cathedral for a private tour and guided him on a tour of the church.

The party paused before the Sacred Heart altar, where the Blessed Sacrament was exposed. "The universal malady is at its height," the Cardinal said, "and then the Cardinal took Mr. Churchill into the sanctuary where the latter halted to examine the bronze pillars of the baldachin over the main altar. As they left the sanctuary Cardinal Spellman pointed out the crypt below the main altar where past prelates of New York are interred, and turned Mr. Churchill's attention to the Chapel of Our Lady in back of the high altar.

When the party emerged from the Cathedral before entering the Cardinal's residence, hundreds of persons gathered on the street broke into cheers.

U. S. Catholics Open Austrian Aid Program

Vienna — (RNS) — Thomas Fox, of Brooklyn, resident director in Austria of the War Relief Services of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, has arrived here to set up headquarters for the distribution of food, clothing and other supplies donated by Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna.

5306 Marquette Students

Milwaukee — (NC) — With current registration of 5,306 students, including 1,900 war veterans and 363 navy trainees, Marquette University here, has opened its spring trimester and broken all enrollment records in its history.

SOVIETS ALLOW CATECHISM ONLY IN BERLIN AREA

Berlin — (NC) — Pursuant to the recent decision of the Allied Control Council here whereby persons in occupied Germany must not be deprived of the opportunity to have religious instruction imparted to their children in the public schools, the authorities in the Russian zone have now agreed that such instruction, which had been temporarily denied to children, can again be given.

They have ruled, however, that the Church has no right to extend its influence upon the younger generation beyond either such instruction or catechism classes provided as part of church services. This ruling implies that Catholic youth groups in the Russian zone are no longer permissible.

All youth activities in this zone are entrusted to the so-called "Anti-fascist Committees," which are totally dominated by the Communist party and include all children, boys and girls, from their sixth year on. Likewise, parochial schools are not being recognized any longer by the Soviet authorities. Only "state schools" are permitted which are completely under the influence of Communist agencies.

This arrangement is being enforced throughout the Russian zone in spite of repeated and strong representations made by both Catholic and Protestant church officials. This means that totalitarian principles even more stringent than those prevailing under the Nazi regime are now applied throughout the Russian zone of Germany in the whole field of public education.

German Monastic Life Revived

Freiburg, Germany — (NC) — Monastic life in Germany is reviving strongly in various parts of the country. Since last fall the theological school of Beuron, seat of the famous Benedictine Congregation, has resumed its activities.

The community of this monastery lost two Fathers, one cleric and six lay brothers in the war. Twelve of its members who had been drafted for military duty are still missing. 40 Fathers and 75 lay brothers had been drafted for the German army. Several novices have been received since the end of the war.

At the Benedictine Abbey of Maria-Laach, Rhineland, the International Liturgical Academy will soon be reopened. It is hoped that Abbot Idefonis Herwegen, O.S.B., who has been ill, will be able to assume the direction of these courses which were attended by many Americans prior to the war.

Elsewhere in Germany, Catholic seminaries are fast regaining the ground they had lost under the Nazi regime. The theological school of Regensburg, Bavaria, which was recently reopened, has the applications of 320 students, a number larger than the 1933 total.

In Wuertemberg the Catholic seminary of the Rottenburg Diocese and the minor seminary in Ehingen have been reopened. The Jesuit School which formerly was located at Valkenburg, Holland, has been re-established in Bueren, Westphalia. The latter will be the third Jesuit college in Germany to resume its activity since the end of the war.

Jailed Bishop

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Galilee Town To Become Resort

Jerusalem — (NC) — The site of the ancient tranquil town of Tiberias on the Sea of Galilee, sacred to every Christian as near the scene of Christ's multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes, will become a winter resort, complete with hot baths, large hotels and dance parlors, if present plans are carried through.

Capital is already being subscribed for the project and a real estate development south of the town is in the blue-print stage. An amusement pier and beach is under construction nearby.

The town was built by Herod Antipas, the ruler who killed St. John the Baptist, and was named in honor of the Roman emperor Tiberius. It is noted for its hot springs, and its volcanic soil is considered radio-active.

Italian Bishop Escapes Bomb Plot

Vatican City — (Radio, NC) — Bishop Leone Giacomo Ossola, Apostolic Administrator of Novara in Piedmont, escaped death when a bomb that had been placed under the porch of his residence was discovered in time.

Soon after the liberation of Italy, the communist mayor of Novara awarded to Bishop Ossola a lifetime honorary citizenship in recognition of his heroic activities during the German occupation of the town.

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Imprisoned in Budapest as a 'war criminal'

Budapest — (NC) — Bishop Stefan Uroslavic-Zdravets (shown below in prison bars) has long been noted for his strong anti-Communist attitude. Although the bishop has been in retirement since 1933, most of the material for the accusations against him was gathered from his speeches and activities during World War II and in the "counter-revolutionary" period following it.

The 63-year-old prelate lives in a room with 30 other prisoners. Three times weekly he celebrates Mass in the prison chapel. (Associated Press Photo)

Cardinal Griffin in his sermon

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