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## PRELATE HITS TREATMENT OF GERMANS

Freiburg, Germany (NC) — "By the overall treatment which the German people now undergo, a poisonous seed is being sown which I must say to my great sorrow already begins to grow," Archbishop Conrad Groeber, of Freiburg, declares in a Lenten pastoral read from all pulpits in his Archdiocese, although certain objections against it had been raised by French occupational authorities.

The pastoral deals in its entirety with the plight of the German evacuees from the east, which Archbishop Groeber says has been "wreathed with the tears of millions." He asserts that 3,000,000 Catholics are affected and more than 7,000,000 persons in former German territory now occupied by Poland, and from Czechoslovakia, Austria and Hungary.

All of these people, Archbishop Groeber says, suffer "injustice," and he compares their plight to the expulsion of the Israelites by the Assyrians and the Babylonians, as well as to similar wrongs done during the Nazi regime.

"Is It Christian?"

"Is It Christian and Catholic," Archbishop Groeber asks, "and is it in keeping with the obligation of gratitude which Poland owes to the German Catholic clergy who were thrown into concentration camps by the Nazis because of their loyalty to the Pope? If German priests now are expelled from these regions so that the remaining Germans are without the proper spiritual care?"

"Is It Christian to ban the German language from schools where children do not know a word of Polish to invalidate German currency so that people must dispose of their last belongings to buy food, and to force German boys and girls to work in the fields, thus slandering them and exposing them to persecution?"

The Archbishop relates authenticated reports that have reached him of incredible sufferings undergone by German refugees, of mass starvation and epidemics of women, children and aged people camping for days outdoors in mid-winter when the winds were howling and the cold was like a cruel hand.

"Poor Poland," the Archbishop continues, "whose history is filled with fears, should remember from its experiences that the benefit derived from injustice is of short duration."

Appeals to World Opinion

In concluding, the Archbishop appeals to world opinion. He asks: "Is it at a time when no longer is a time of war but which is supposed to pave the way for a durable peace, not only to expel millions of people from their homeland and to deprive them of all of their belongings by shameful looting, but also to drive them on the steps of those who themselves do not know where to find shelter after the bombardments of their cities and villages, and to requisition their homes and household goods?"

"The whole world knows that the German people are stumbling on the very brink of existence; that hunger is growing and mortality among infants and the aged is increasing. In view of this could it not be in order that Christians the world over should take a hand?"

"If one objects on the ground that the Germans committed much worse crimes than Poland, sadly enough we are unable to contest this. We are ashamed of it and are earning the scorn of almost the whole civilized world on account of it."

"Yet in wrong and unjust to burden and make suffer for the crimes of those who, even with the best intentions, were unable to prevent what happened in Poland and elsewhere, and in most instances hardly knew anything of it."

"I admit without reservation that we should have done more and failed in heroic solidarity. But this does not justify others by any means to behave just as barbarically against the Germans as their oppressors and murderers did in Poland and elsewhere, for it is not in keeping with nature or Christian justice to heap vengeance upon the innocent and to render evil for evil."

## Inside Story of Ruthenian 'Schism'

### Reds Deported Prelates, Jailed 400 Priests, Imported Own Clergy; Only 42 of 2,700 Priests Gave In

Vatican City (Radio, NC) — The "Synod" at Lvov, which proclaimed the "return" of Eastern Rite Catholics in Western Ukraine to the Orthodox Church, was in reality a "show" put on at the urging of Moscow and carefully prepared for many months. It was explained by a Ruthenian Rite Prelate now stationed in Rome.

The staging of the schism was probably hastened by the publication of the Encyclical "Orientales Omnes Ecclesias" which set forth the persecution suffered by Ruthenian Rite Catholics at the hands of the Soviets. The Prelate said. He also explained that the schism may be interpreted as an attempted justification of Moscow against the charges brought in the Encyclical.

Relating the steps leading up to the declaration of the schism, the Prelate pointed to an address by Alexei, Moscow Patriarch, who at the time of his inauguration in February 1945 issued an appeal to all Slav Uniate churches to sever their ties with Rome and to submit to the (Soviet-dominated) Orthodox Church as the "mother" of all Slavic churches.

Secession Move

Strenuous, but unsuccessful, efforts were made to spread the idea of secession among the Bishops and priests of the Ruthenian Church. In April 1945 each Ruthenian Bishop received a formal letter proposing to him to leave Rome and to submit to Orthodox jurisdiction. At about the same time the Orthodox Patriarch, outside Russia, signed a declaration condemning what was termed the "political actions" of the Pope.

The Ruthenian Liturgy begins with prayers for the Pope which are answered by the congregation. Several instances have become known where churches were closed after the priest had audibly recited the prayers for the Pope. Despite the protests of the people the churches remained closed and were only allowed to open for Easter.

During the night of April 11-12, 1945, all five Ukrainian Catholic Bishops were seized and deported, probably to Kiev, capital of the Ukraine. One of them, the Sovereign Bishop Gregory Chomysyn, Ordinary of Stanislawow, probably died en route to prison. Nothing has been heard of the fate of the Bishops since their arrest. The Diocese were left in charge of Vicars General, but they, too, were deported to Russia.

Priests Under Attack

After the Ukrainian Church had thus been deprived of its constituted ecclesiastical authority the Soviet regime took steps to set up one of its (Turn to page 10)



MOSCOW PATRIARCH ALEXEI  
Set Stage for Epitaphous Lvov Synod

## STATE DEPT. AIDES NAMED IN RED PROBE

Washington (NC) — The State Department has become the target of Congressional committee probing "pro-Soviet" activities in the nation. Latest disclosures include:

1. A charge leveled against Gustavo Duran, special assistant to Assistant Secretary of State Spruille Braden, that he served as an officer in the Loyalist army during the Spanish Civil War; that he was known as a Communist and an agent of the Russian secret police, the NKVD; and that he was the "directing genius" behind the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

2. An accusation by the House Military Affairs Committee that persons recently brought into the employ of the State Department are pro-Soviet sympathizers.

The accusation against Mr. Duran was made on the floor of the House by Representative J. Farnell Thomas of New Jersey, during debate on a House resolution to press contempt charges against Edward R. Barkey, chairman of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee. The resolution was passed by a vote of 335 to 4.

In the course of his address, Representative Thomas pointed out that this was the committee which last September sponsored the rally in Madison Square Garden, during which Prof. Harold J. Laski, chairman of British Labor Party, in a trade union speech, attacked the Vatican and the Catholic Church in Spain.

"Duran was known," Representative Thomas said, "to Minister of National Defense of the Loyalist government Indalecio Prieto, as a communist and a member of the Comintern, and an agent of the Russian secret police, NKVD, through the Communist Party of the United States."

Mr. Duran is credited with reliable informants, as being the directing genius behind the campaign of the Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee.

Braden Denies Charge

Mr. Duran had "no comment" on the charges by Representative Thomas, but Assistant Secretary Braden came to his defense as far as the Russian charge was concerned. He admitted Mr. Duran had served with the Loyalists during the Spanish Civil War.

Mr. Braden said the charge that Mr. Duran had been a Russian agent was "completely false." He added that Mr. Duran had nothing whatsoever to do with the Russian or Russian agents in any way, shape or form.

The Assistant Secretary said that Mr. Duran formerly had been a Spanish citizen and had served with the rank of lieutenant colonel in the Loyalist Army during the Spanish Civil War. He pointed out this fact was disclosed in the biographical sketch of Mr. Duran when he came to the State Department in September, 1944.

In connection with the "pro-Soviet" charges made by the House Military Affairs Committee, Col. Alfred McCormack, chief of the State Department's intelligence unit, challenged the committee to make a "proper investigation of the facts." Col. McCormack had sought and had been refused permission to testify before the committee by Representative Andrew J. May of Kentucky, committee chairman.

In a letter to Chairman May, Col. McCormack said the committee sought without proper hearing to eliminate from the State Department the "35 pro-Soviet sympathizers whom I am alleged to have brought to the department from military intelligence work as myself."

## Former Red Editor 'Hitlerite' World Policy to Russian

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The Rev. Francis Donohue from St. Thomas Church, Summerville, to Holy Trinity Church, Webster.

The Rev. Gerard Armas from Holy Trinity Church, Webster, to St. Ann's Church, Palmyra.

The Rev. Bernard J. Macey from St. Anthony Church, Elmira, to St. Francis of Assisi, Auburn.

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## 2,600,000 Polish Youths Need Food, Hoover Says

New York (NC) — The food situation in Poland is worse than in any country he has seen in Europe, and 2,600,000 children are pitifully undernourished, Herbert Hoover, former U. S. President, who is honorary chairman of the Famine Emergency Committee, declared in a statement issued in Warsaw.

The former President made a prepared statement in which he stated that the food situation in Poland was "far worse" than in Italy. He expressed the hope that if needy countries could get through to the next harvest, "the world as a whole can go on, at least for a while." He pointed out that four third armies have swept over Poland, being left in the country, and that the nation was subjected to five years of German occupation. The former President said that while there has been no overall organization to care for and rebuild the nation's children, they have been receiving assistance from War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference, the American Red Cross and the UNRRA.

Warsaw (NC) — "To save Poland, much more help is needed than has been extended so far," Bishop Stephen S. Wozniak, Auxiliary of Detroit, said before his departure for the United States after spending three months in this country.

"Poland is extremely grateful for all help coming from America," Bishop Wozniak continued, "and it is a great satisfaction to catch as I have done how American food and clothing is distributed everywhere amongst the poor. Last year we contributed goods worth about eight million dollars, but the need is so great that that seems almost a drop in the bucket."

When asked whether conditions might improve soon, the prelate replied, "I am afraid not."

Bishop Wozniak said the greatest need is among children, adding: "Infant mortality now is 50 per cent. The spread of tuberculosis is alarming, and 90 per cent of the children in a public school affected, with 18 per cent in the active stage. I am now going home to tell the American people of Poland's sad plight. We must increase our efforts to come to the aid of a nation suffering beyond description."

## CHINESE CARDINAL COMING APRIL 13

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, first Chinese in history to be elevated to the Sacred College, will visit Rochester Saturday, April 13th.

Details of a formal reception by His Excellency Bishop James E. Kearney and other local clergy will be announced later, pending the exact time of the Cardinal's arrival in the city.

A former orphan boy, the Chinese prelate was elevated to the Cardinalate at the recent Vatican Council by Pope Pius XII who also consecrated him a Bishop in 1937 at Rome.

Date of Cardinal Tien's visit to Rochester was confirmed this week by the Rev. Francis Hume, Provincial of the Society of the Divine Word Fathers at Grand Rapids.

Cardinal Tien who is also a member of the Society of the Divine Word is currently visiting S.V.D. institutions in this country before returning to his own Diocese of Tientsin in China.

While in Rochester Cardinal Tien will visit the St. Michael's Mission House of the Society of the Divine Word at Conesus Lake.

Mandary Mission Destroyed

Rome (NC) — All property of the Foreign Missions of Paris in the Vicariate of Mandary, which is entrusted to the care of a nation suffering beyond description.

## Breadless Days Are Proposed To Housewives

Washington (NC) — An appeal to Catholic women to institute breadless days to help "countless lives" might be saved for Christ this year, is made by Mrs. Thomas G. Garrison, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, in her April message to members of affiliated organizations.

Noting the world-wide shortage, the message declares that voluntary rationing by American housewives is necessary and that even more food can be sent to the starving peoples of Europe if victory gardens and home-canning programs are continued.

## War Orphan 'Replaces' Fallen Officer Texas Church Gets New 'Parishioner' from Italy

Washachie, Tex. (NC) — A 60-day period of grace until a bill initiated by Rep. Luther Johnson of Texas for the naturalization of the boy, is decided upon by Congress.

The Italian orphan had stowed away on a troopship, but was apprehended by immigration officials in New York, and placed in detention until he could be shipped back to his homeland. Discharged soldiers in New York heard of the boy's plight and sent word to former Sgt. Thompson in Texas, who posted a \$500 bond that the boy would not become a public liability.

Mr. Thompson, who is not a Catholic, is willing to adopt Johnny, there is a very strong bond between the two. Johnny refuses to listen to boys or men when they curse and refuses to take up smoking, because the former sergeant had taught him not to in Italy. The boy has been as great a morale builder for Mr. Thompson while in camp as he was for the men of the 36th Division on the battlefields of Europe.

Johnny's protector has expressed a desire to become a Catholic and expects to start instructions after his health improves. The boy has received communion at St. Joseph's the very first morning he was in Washachie, is attending school, and made a public school; there is no parochial school in the city. He went to his first party here when the parish youth had a celebration for the members of the choir. St. Joseph's has received a large financial pledge of Our Lady of Perpetual Help from a Dallas man in honor of Johnny.

The boy's home is at Alta, Italy, near Salerno. His mother is dead, and he has no knowledge of the whereabouts of his father, who he says is a doctor who once practiced in Brooklyn. He tried to flee from the gunfire during the Salerno attack but was hit in the foot by a bayonet and his sister shot down next to him. Johnny came into the American

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New Clifton Springs Pastor

FATHER WATERSTRAAT  
New Moravia Pastor

## MISSIONARIES ESCAPE WAVE

Honolulu (NC, Radio) — All priests, brothers and sisters in this scorching Hawaiian island area are reported unharmed following the tidal waves which swept the Pacific on Monday.

Harbor young Sacred Heart Sisters from Rochester are now working as missionaries in the Hawaiian Islands. They are the Reverends Richard B. Brennan, Mark Connelley and Gerard J. Leicht, Chaplain Leonie C. Whelan.

Members of the Rochester Diocese on the island of Maui, Sister Miriam David of Auburn, N. Y., and a member of the Maryknoll Society, Sister Mary Joseph, were rescued from St. Joseph's Convent at Lanikai Beach, Oahu, when the tidal waves crashed the convent's walls.

The Church of St. Joseph and the Catholic Youth Center, both on Oahu Island were swept from their foundations by the waves.

The century-old mission at Molokai on Kauai Island was completely wrecked but the clergy were away and escaped injury.

Residents at the Leper Colony of Kalaupapa are suffering a water shortage and a lack of heating.

Widespread distress is reported in the Hamakua section and in the Kahului port area of Maui Island by U. S. Army Chaplain William McGinley of California who made an inspection tour by plane.

Sacred Heart Fathers Benno Evers of Wakefield and Ernest Chas. of Kalykua Oahu, rendered assistance and to their fellow prisoners.

## C.D.A. Convention In St. Louis July 8-11

St. Louis (NC) — The Catholic Daughters of America will hold their annual national convention here from July 8 to 11. Miss Mary C. Duffy, St. Mary's, is president.

Conferences are being held from coast to coast in preparation for the convention.

Miss Duffy also disclosed that the organization has been chosen by the Government for outstanding war work, having received approximately \$200,000 in special Victory bonds. An impressive report of its work, as well as shows contributions of members to the Red Cross, \$78,000 to projects of the National Catholic Community Service, \$100,000 in Chaplain Aid funds and more than \$20,000 to the "United Peace" chapel trailer fund.

## 154 Families 1,333 Children

Honolulu (NC) — Each of 154 families in Honolulu Catholic Conception parish have at least eight children, the local priest says.

Being 1888, it is the oldest during the observation of Holy Week. From 1888 to 1946, 154 families have been blessed with children.

J. pastor