

On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Once again it is Easter but still the world stumbles and gropes in search of that elusive thing called peace.

At Hunters College, the eleven-nation Security Council of the United Nations totters amid a welter of diplomatic intrigues and acrimony. For the moment, at least, world security is all fouled up in the deliberations of the insecure Security Council.

Despite its efforts, it now seems that the Security Council has failed to preserve the national security and independence of little Iran from the aggressive Soviets. Like so many other small nations Iran has now fallen prey to the rapacious Russian Bear. Where the Bear's prowling in the Middle East may lead next is anybody's guess. Maybe Iraq or maybe Turkey.

Peace hopes were given another setback this week when the problem of Franco Spain was placed on the conference table of the Security Council. The call for United Nations action against Franco was officially made by Oscar Lange, delegate of the Moscow-puppet government of Poland. The diplomats at Hunters College are painfully aware that the guiding genius behind the Polish move against Spain is Soviet Russia.

In the name of the Red-ruled Poland Mr. Lange demands that the United Nations collectively break off diplomatic and economic relations with Spain.

Why? What is the case against Spain? Mr. Lange charges that Franco Spain is a danger to world peace and implies that Franco may launch a war of aggression. Nobody believes Mr. Lange's dire warnings. We doubt if Mr. Lange himself believes them. Spain is hardly in a position to wage war with anybody. Incidentally, Franco Spain is one of the very few European nations that did not get involved in World War II.

Delegate Lange also charges that Spain is a danger to world peace. He does not mention that in the laboratories of Russia there are scientists, probably a few Germans too, busily engaged in atomic research. He does not mention that the United States and Great Britain have taken a very skeptical attitude to Mr. Lange's charges against Spain. As to the alleged charges of Spanish aggression on atomic research, the Anglo-American diplomats at Hunters College are willing to examine the evidence. So far, Mr. Lange and his Soviet mentors have not produced any evidence to support their accusations against Franco Spain.

The United States government according to its present policy, holds that danger should be removed by the Spanish people themselves and that his removal should be peaceful. This is a wise and prudent policy but there are strong forces at work to change this policy.

Supporting Mr. Lange's demands on the Security Council is the strong voice of Sidney Hillman's formidable CIO Political Action Committee. In its new program policy drafted in Washington this week, the PAC called on the United Nations Security Council to take action against "aggressive" Spain (Spain and Argentina) centers of Fascist infiltration and to assist the people of Spain and Argentina to restore democratic rights and self-government.

Like Mr. Lange, Sidney Hillman's CIO PAC is silent about the infections of Red Fascism which center in Europe from Berlin to Trieste. Why does the PAC say nothing about restoring "democratic rights and self-government" to the peoples and nations behind Mr. Stalin's Iron Curtain?

The CIO is a bona fide American labor organization, but if Mr. Hillman and the PAC are going to support the imperialistic policies of Soviet Russia, then honest citizens will be forced to suspect the Americanism of the CIO.

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RUSSIA SEEN FORCING POLES ON SPAIN MOVE

Washington—The action of the present Polish regime in pressing the United Nations through the Security Council, to break with the Franco government in Spain, with a view to ousting it from power, has produced some of the frankest discussion of Soviet Russian maneuvering that this capital has yet seen.

It hardly had the determination of the present Warsaw government become known when there rolled in upon Washington a startlingly unanimous editorial opinion to the effect that, of course, it was Russia, not Poland, that was speaking.

Influential newspapers called upon the State Department and the American people to look for the real purpose Russia (for it was Russia, they emphasized) had in making this move.

President Truman further stimulated earnest consideration of this striking phenomenon when he characterized the Polish move against Spain as political action. The Chief Executive did not elaborate upon this assertion, but observers of the Washington scene were quick to interpret this as official recognition of the fact that Soviet Russia is trying to put the United States on the defensive in world affairs.

Perhaps the most salutory aspect of the whole affair was the open discussion of what many people must have suspected, but which few dared to discuss; namely, that Russia's real objective with regard to Spain is not so much to oust Franco, but to seize control of that country for Communist rule.

This, it is pretty generally agreed here, has been a prime concern of Great Britain all along, and has not been cheaply sacrificed by this country. It seems probable that the present Russian move is a preliminary step to a Communist regime.

One of the papers to discuss this editorially was The Washington Post. It said "on the face of it" Franco "does not now pose a problem" which in the language of the United Nations Charter is likely to endanger international peace. However, the paper inclined to an airing of the problem in the Security Council in an effort to prevent Russia from continuing its use as a means of pressure.

The way some observers have worked out the political implications of this is: Russia has been pretty much on the defensive, what with its behavior in the Iran and other affairs. Moscow saw in the Franco issue an opportunity to embarrass, or at least cause concern to, Great Britain and the United States, which have had world opinion on their side in past differences with the Soviet Union. Russia could count on puppet Poland to go along. In fact, it made Poland suggest the airing of the problem in the Security Council.

Also, it is in view of its previous stand on the Spanish question. Thus it could bring up the question, assured of three votes in the Security Council against the two of the United States and Great Britain, which already had said they did not favor any action in this matter.

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The Sacred Host Elevated by Prince of Church



Shown above is Thomas Cardinal Tien as he raises the Sacred Hosts in Solemn Benediction at St. Joseph's Church, Rochester. At the left is the Rev. John S. Radford, Director of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Subsecretary of the Very Rev. Edward M. Lyons, rector of St. Andrew's Seminary and dean at the services held at the right with the Rev. Marg. J. P. Hogan, rector of St. Bernard's Seminary and master of ceremonies.

Diocese Hails Chinese Cardinal In Fine Display of Church Unity

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Tien, China's first Prince of the Church, made an historic visit to Rochester on Saturday and proved that stronger than all barriers of race, nationality or language is the spiritual unity of the Catholic Faith.

Everywhere throughout the city adults and children lined up in the street to kiss the ring and beg the blessing of the high-ranking prelate of the Sacred East and first Apostle to all in the Sacred College of Cardinals.

When here the Cardinal reportedly voiced to Chinese and Latin accents his sincere admiration for Catholic life in the United States. Keynote of his expressed ambition for his own country was the hope that "I can make the spirit of the Catholic Church in America also the spirit of the Catholic Church in China."

Highlights in the Cardinal's eventful visit were:

A reception at St. Joseph's Church, Franklin Street, where the one-time pagan orphan boy spoke in his native Chinese to over 1,000 mass-minded parish school children and blessed them with Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

An informal luncheon at the Aberdeen Hotel, where Bishop James E. Kearney presented a diocesan gift of \$1,000 to the Chinese Cardinal who demonstrated the universality of the Church's official language by addressing his hosts in Chinese.



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Forty Carloads of Food Arrive in Austria

New York (NC)—The first shipment of food, clothing and other relief supplies sent to Austria by War Relief Service-National Catholic Welfare Conference, has arrived in that country, according to a radio message from Thomas Fox, representative of the American Catholic Welfare Agency in Austria.

The goods which had been forwarded by freighter to the Belgian port of Antwerp were then transhipped to 49 freight-cars to Salzburg, Austria. The shipment, totaling 1,131,500 pounds, included 353,000 pounds of infant's wear, 455,000 cotton and rayon women's dresses, 511,500 boys' pants, hankies and socks and numerous other articles, such as shoes, hats, umbrellas, shorts, coats and shoes.

According to Miss Patrick A. Boyle, executive director of War Relief Service-N.C.W.C., all other supplies will be distributed through "Cantus," which is a federation of Austrian Catholic Welfare Agencies with personnel in relief centers throughout Austria.

Other relief shipments from War Relief Service-N.C.W.C. were one million pounds of flour and other grain to China, and one million pounds of flour to India.

Cardinal Mooney Resting in Hospital

Detroit (NC)—The Chancellor of the Archdiocese of Detroit today issued the following statement:

"On the advice of his physician, His Eminence Edward Cardinal Mooney rested yesterday in the Emergency Hospital for a physical check-up. Following an examination, the attending physician reports that he is suffering from a mild heart condition and advises complete rest."

Cardinal to Preach At Arlington Mass

Washington (NC)—His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, will deliver the sermon at the eighth annual Solemn Memorial Military Field Mass to be held in the amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery on Sunday, May 26.

Bishop William E. Arnold, Military Delegate, will celebrate the Mass.

Catholic League Proxy Hits 734 For ABC Lead

Buffalo (EAB)—Eddie Ford, president of Rochester Catholic Bowling League with a sensational 734 total took the lead in the singles division of the 43rd Annual American Bowling Congress championships here yesterday. His games were 240, 240 and 254.

Ford shooting into the lead left the topic on a perfect pocket hit in the seventh frame of his third while working on a string of six strikes—three in the first and three in the second. He then rolled out to replace Sgt. Ed. Easter of Waukegan, Ill., as skipper.

The Rochester skipper who resides at 35 Glendale Park is the first Rochester bowler since 1917 to hold first place in the singles. His score with eight exceptions was the highest singles total in the history of the A. B. C.

The popular ex-GI served three and a half years in the Army Air Force and was stationed in the ETO with the 9th Air Force for 23 months.

GIs to Attend Tokyo Easter Mass

By THE REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, S.S.C.
Tokyo (NC)—While it's still Saturday evening in the United States, your Johnny G. in newly-pressed uniform and smiling GI face will be going to Easter morning Mass here in Tokyo. Thousands of American families will be represented in the largest congregation ever assembled in the Japanese Capital for Easter Sunday Mass.

In Hibiya Hall, biggest downtown auditorium here, which has a seating capacity of 3,200, High Mass will be celebrated with two archbishops in the Sanctuary; two high ranking officers and two enlisted men, one of Japanese ancestry, as servers; and a congregation which will include Japanese Catholics as well as U. S. military personnel.

Papal Legate to Attend
Archbishop Paolo Marella, Apostolic Delegate to Japan, and Archbishop Peter Jansz, D.O. of Tokyo will be in the Sanctuary for the Easter Mass. The celebrant will be Capt. Edward J. Lambert, of Duquesne, with Maj. John C. Radinsky, of Toledo, as deacon, and Maj. Anthony G. Carroll, S.I. of Boston, as subdeacon—U. S. Army chaplain.

The sermon will be preached by Maj. John J. Long, S.I. of Boston, also an Army chaplain. The Mass will be broadcast with Capt. John M. Donahue, of Manchester, another Army chaplain, at the microphone to be given an explanation of the ceremony.

The servers of the Mass will be Brig. Gen. Patrick H. Tansley, of Washington, D.C., who in previous days served as an Assistant Engineer Commissary in the U. S. capital; Col. Charles A. Mahoney, of Andover, Mass.; and Pvt. Arthur Hirsch, of Los Angeles, and William Hall, of Pittsburgh.

Music at the Mass will be sung by the Salesian Fathers choir.

In preparation for the Easter service, eight chaplains will be on hand to hear Confession before the Mass.

All chaplains in this area are conducting pre-Easter services. Every night more than 700 men have been attending a week-long mission in Yokohama, conducted by Capt. Thomas Kelly, C.S.S.I. of Boston, Army chaplain.

On Good Friday in the auditorium of the Dai Nippon building, on the same floor where the headquarters of Gen. Douglas MacArthur are located, the Three Hours service will be presided by Lieut. Col. John Dunn of Washington, Maj. Radinsky, Lieut. Frank McCullough of Philadelphia, and Capt. Lambert.

Easter Greetings

My dear Reader:
I am privileged, indeed, to have this opportunity of wishing you a happy Easter and of sending you my most sincere Easter blessings. For the first time in many years, the Easter Alleluia will have that traditional touch of victory, happiness and peace.

Mary God grant that the Easter which we celebrate in our own hearts today will be a victory over the evil and sin which hold us back from the perfection of Christ's love.

That comes only from the union of our hearts with the sacred Heart of Jesus and the Peace which He came to give—that peace "which the world cannot give"—the Peace of Christ in the Kingdom of Christ. May the Blessed Sacrament come to you with His richest blessings.

Your devoted Shepherd in Christ
James E. Kearney

DIOCESAN CLERGY TO GET REPORT ON FOOD CRISIS

The Rev. Dr. Edward T. Swanson, executive director of the War Relief Service of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will be in Rochester next week to give priests of the diocese a first-hand report on the current world food crisis.

Dr. Swanson has just returned from several months' stay in Europe and a particularly fertile visit to the relief situation in Germany.

Dioceesan priests will hear Dr. Swanson at a meeting at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday (April 26) at 8 P.M. The speaker will be introduced by the Rev. John J. Randall.

Abbots to Fly To Conference

Dublin (NC)—The usual sight of five Cistercian Abbots on their way to a conference journey will be seen on April 29 at the Shannon Airport when they take off for Paris to attend the General Chapter of the Cistercians.

Three Irish Abbots will be joined in Ireland by one from England and one from the United States for the voyage. They are: the Rt. Rev. Abbot Dom O'Connell, of Mount Mellish, Dum Camillus, abbot of St. Joseph's, Roscrea; Dom Benignus Hickey of New Mellish; Dom Blakely, abbot of St. Bernard's, Leicester, England; and Dom Albert Boston, of New Mellish, Iowa.

Generally, the Cistercians hold their General Chapter at Clarendon on September 12, the feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, but this year the date was advanced to May 7 because of the long interval due to the war.

The Rt. Rev. General Chapter and the urgency of selecting an Abbot General. The Abbots will fly back to Shannon Airport from Paris on May 10.

Housing Assured Vets at St. Bona's

St. Bonaventure, N. Y.—A request of St. Bonaventure College authorities for additional housing facilities for veterans attending college, has met with favorable results, according to an announcement made by the Rev. Francis O'Rourke, O.S.A., Coordinator of Veterans Affairs at St. Bona's. In a telegram, recently received from John Keenan, Regional Director of the Federal Public Housing Authority, assurance was given that additional housing was approved for St. Bonaventure College in the form of 10 family units, and three additional 30-unit buildings.

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS MEET RED ARMY

Demonstrating that Communism is a myth invented by the cent speaker, and that the group session of students with Russia's Red Army, which was held at the St. Joseph's High School, was a success. The students were told that Communism is a myth invented by the cent speaker, and that the group session of students with Russia's Red Army, which was held at the St. Joseph's High School, was a success.

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