Soviets Send Funds to French Reds

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New York — (NC) — There has been considerable eye-brow raising in United Nations circles here since Lansing Warren's sensational disclosures in the New York Times that the Soviet government has been shipping large quantities of gold and foreign currency to Paris, and his open charge that the funds are being used to finance the extensive activities of the French communists.

Reason for the eye-brow raising is the fact that Mr. Warren's Paris stories coincided with publication of a letter written by Oscar Lange, delegate of the Warsaw regime, demanding that the United Nations sever diplomatic relations with Francisco Franco, on the grounds that the conduct of his government is threatening world peace.

Mr. Lange's very first charge was that "a series of developments has made it clear that the activities of the Franco government have already caused international friction and endangered international peace and security."

"As a consequence," the Polish letter continued, "the French government was compelled on Feb. 26, 1946, to close the frontiers between France and Spain. Those frontiers continue to be closed. One day later the Franco government ordered the concentration of troops at the border of France."

Communist Ministers

In the same issue of the Times which carried the text of the Lange letter appeared Mr. Warren's illuminating footnote to the Lange charge. "Relations between the French and Soviet Governments have been a delicate subject for the French ever since the formation of the present three-party Cabinet, which contains six communist ministers.

They sometimes have imposed their policy against the will of the other Ministers, notably which they induced the French Government to close the Spanish frontier, and they threaten to raise the Spanish question in the United Nations."

Diplomatic veterans here, who have no illusions about the inspiration of Mr. Lange's move, are beginning to ask if he has not perhaps discredited himself by serving as the mouthpiece for charges which can be so easily refuted. And they are devoting the six day "cooling-off period," which the Council voted itself previous to a critical re-examination of the Lange letter, in search of further inconsistencies.

Mr. Lange had adroitly suggested that Franco's activities compelled the French government to close the frontier. But according to Mr. Warren it was the French Communist ministers who did the compelling. By sending troops to the border, Franco had reacted in perfectly normal fashion. Observers here believe that if this is the type of argument Mr. Lange will use to prove that Franco is causing international friction, he will have a hard time inducing the Security Council to condemn the Spanish dictator as a threat to world peace.

Mother Cabrini Canonization July 7 to Give U. S. First Saint

(N.C.W.C. NEWS SERVICE)

When the name of Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini is added to the revered list of canonized Saints of the Catholic Church on July 7, she will be the first citizen of the United States to be so honored.

The canonization ceremonies which will take place at the Basilica of St. Peter in Vatican City on that date will culminate a long series of investigations, examinations, judgments, rehearings and pronouncements which began in 1928, when the first "informing process" was conducted in Chicago, the city in which she became a naturalized American.

Since that time, there have been canonical hearings in Chicago and in Lodi, Italy, the seat of the diocese in which Mother Cabrini was born. The introduction of the cause of beatification of the foundress of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was taken up by the Sacred Congregation of Rites in Rome in March, 1931.

Evidence of Miracles

A formal inquiry was initiated in Chicago, where in 59 special sessions lasting day after day for seven weeks, 40 witnesses, eight doctors and five nurses among them, testified to the heroic virtues of Mother Cabrini and gave evidence regarding two miracles which were attributed to the intercession of the missionary nun.

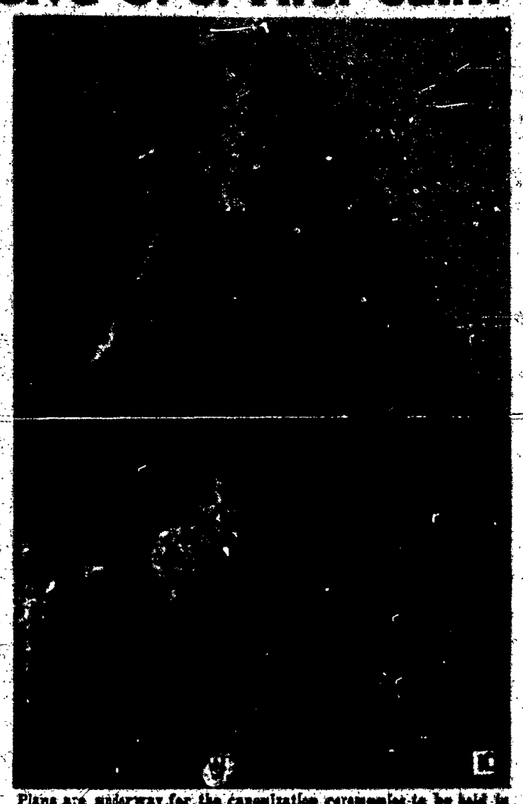
In these sessions was unfolded the story of a young boy, Peter Smith of New York City, who was blinded soon after his birth in March 1921, when a nurse made a mistake and placed a 50 per cent solution of silver nitrate in his eyes instead of the prescribed 1 per cent. Physicians examined the infant and agreed that only a miracle could restore his burned-out sight.

The Superior of the hospital, with all the Sisters and nurses, offered fervent prayers, begging the intercession of Mother Cabrini. Their prayers were heard, for on the next morning, three visiting physicians, making an examination of the eyes of the stricken baby, were amazed to find them normal again, completely cured. The doctors did not doubt that a miracle had been worked. Smith, now 25, served with the U. S. Army in the late war.

Nun is Cured

Also recalled at the inquiry was the remarkable cure of Sister Delfina Graziola, a member of the community which Mother Cabrini founded. Sister Delfina, stationed in Seattle, had suffered from a stomach ailment for ten years, had undergone four operations, and was on her deathbed —physicians agreed that there was not the slightest hope for her — when her fellow Sisters made a triduum pleading for the intercession of Mother Cabrini on her behalf. The complete recovery that followed could not have been attributed to natural causes, doctors testified.

In June, 1936, it was officially revealed that the "heroism and virtues" of Mother Cabrini were discussed at a meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites. The Decree confirming these at tributes were issued by the Congregation in December, 1937. This action closed all discussions



Plans are underway for the canonization ceremonies to be held in St. Peter's Basilica, July 7, when Mother Francis Xavier Cabrini will be raised to the altar of sainthood. Foundress of the Institute of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, she died in Chicago in 1917. A naturalized U. S. Citizen, she was beatified in 1938. The above picture is from an old negative and is believed to be the only original photo of Mother Cabrini. (NC Photos)

regarding the personal qualities of the Italian-born nun.

"It is not granted to men to fulfill such great things with their own strength alone," the Decree stated in describing the undertakings that Mother Cabrini, "fragile in body and in continual bad health, carried out in two hemispheres for the glory of God and for the salvation of souls."

Beatified by Pius XI

It was reported from Vatican City on March 15, 1938, that the first discussion of the two miracles proposed in the cause of Mother Cabrini had taken place in the Sacred Congregation of Rites. This hearing was followed by two others, and subsequently, on November 13, 1938, Pope Pius XI, confirming the judgment of the Congregation that the miracles were authentic, solemnly beatified, for the first time, a citizen of the United States.

December 22, the day of her death, was fixed as the Feast Day of the beatified nun, to be observed in the Diocese of Lodi, Italy, where she was born; in the Archdiocese of Chicago, where she died, in the Archdiocese of New York, where she is buried, and in all the houses of the religious community she founded. This was done in accord with the regulation that local veneration is permitted of individuals who have been declared Blessed.

In June, 1939 consideration of the cause of the new Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini for canonization was resumed. In 1940, the two further miracles that are necessary for canonization were approved; at Lodi, Italy in 1939, a case of tuberculosis of the bone had been miraculously healed through her intercession, and a case of bronchial-pneumonia and chronic inflammation of the bladder had been similarly cured.

Following this, three hearings were held according to the normal procedure, in March, 1941, July, 1942, and the general hearing of May 4, 1943. On January 11, 1944, in the presence of His Holiness, Pope Pius XII, the Sacred Congregation of Rites approved the decree Tuto in the canonization cause.

With her canonization, the name of Blessed Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini will be placed alongside that of 14 other American Saints.

The Heroic Little Woman

Despite her mighty labors and travels, Mother Cabrini possessed a delicate constitution and was small and slight in build. An American biographer quoted the description of a Chicago business man who knew her: "An energetic little woman with a very candid face and large brown eyes, who spoke English with a pronounced Italian accent, but when speaking gave you the impression that as far as she was concerned you were the only person in the world."

He also mentions how the New York police would tip their caps reverently to "that little Italian

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Peace Group To Review UN At Hartford

Hartford — (NC) — The role being played by the Church in the world crisis and the problems confronting the United Nations will be topics of discussion at two public meetings which will feature the two-day sessions of the 18th annual conference of the Catholic Association of International Peace here on April 22 and 23.

A galaxy of scholars and writers of international repute will be on hand for the sessions, which will also include panel discussions on such major questions as atomic energy and armament control, the peace treaties and dependent peoples. The panels will be forerunners of reports which will be issued later by the CAIP.

Bishop Henry J. O'Brien, of Hartford, host to the convention, and Dr. George N. Shuster, CAIP president, will be the principal speakers at the luncheon session on April 23, at which the role of the Church in the world crisis will be discussed.

United Nations Problem

The problems facing the United Nations will be discussed at the evening meeting on April 22, with the Rev. Robert A. Graham, S.J., contributing editor of America, Catholic weekly; Thomas H. Mahony of Boston, and Charles P. O'Donnell, of the U. S. State Department, as principal speakers. Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, former U. S. Ambassador to Spain, will preside and Governor Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut will deliver a brief address.

The panel which will consider the problem of atomic energy and armament control will have as its principal speakers the Rev. Wilfrid Parsons, S.J., of the Catholic University of America, and the Rev. J. A. Conway, S.J., of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference.

Marie J. Carroll, of the World Peace Foundation, Boston; Thomas H. D. Mahoney, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; the Rev. R. A. McGowan, director of the Social Action Department, N. C. W. C. and Blair Bolles, of the Foreign Policy Association, Washington, will lead the panel discussion dealing with the peace treaties. The principal address at this session will be made by Dr. Elizabeth Lynsky of Hunter College, New York.

The panel dealing with the displaced peoples problems will be opened with an address by James M. Eagan, of the College of New Rochelle, N. Y., and will be followed by discussions by the Rev. Basil Matthews, O.S.B., of Fordham University; the Rev. Joseph P. Ryan, M.M., of Maryknoll Seminary; the Rev. Martin J. Bane, S.M.A., of the African Missions, Tenafly, N. J., and Mrs. Chase Kimball, of Waterbury, Conn.

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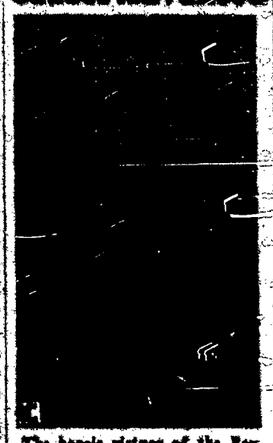

The heroic virtues of the Rev. Stephen Perret, priest of the Congregation of Augustinians of the Assumption, were discussed at the recent meeting of the Sacred Congregation of Rites, in Vatican City. Father Perret was founder of the Institute of the Little Sisters of the Assumption, in 1865, in France. The Order is represented in the United States in the Archdioceses of New York and Philadelphia, and in the Dioceses of Providence. (NC Photos)

Family Week Plans Ready

Washington — (NC) — A great variety of programs in Catholic homes, parishes and institutions will mark the fourth consecutive observance of National Family Week, May 5-12, according to reports received here by the Family Life Bureau of the National Catholic Welfare Conference. The Bureau's choice for the Catholic Mother of the year will be announced on the closing date of the observance, May 12, which is also Mother's Day.

The purpose of National Family Week, the Rev. Edgar Schmiedeler, O.S.B., head of the Bureau, pointed out, is to focus attention on the family, bring to mind its needs, stimulate its religious life and develop a keen consciousness of the great values and fundamental importance of the home." The program marking the observances is a culmination of the work begun during the mid-winter meeting of the National Catholic Conference on Family Life. The materials presented by a group of scholars at this meeting will be used at local meetings throughout the dioceses of the country.

One noteworthy development has been the great interest shown in the dissemination of Catholic literature on marriage and the family, Father Schmiedeler said, noting that institutes, schools, libraries, and other organizations are holding exhibits of books, pamphlets, magazines and circulars dealing with marriage and the family. Schools, clubs and parishes are restocking their pamphlet racks and libraries with material on the subject, he added.

Heroism of Eastern Rite Catholics Hailed

New York—(NC) — The heroism of Bishops, priests and laity of the Eastern Rite now under Russian domination, who "with disdain rejected the offer of schism and life and have instead become slaves and martyrs" was acclaimed by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York, at the conclusion of a Solemn Pontifical Concelebration of the Byzantine-Slavic Liturgy in St. Patrick's Cathedral here.

The ceremony climaxed the eighth annual Conference on Eastern Rites and Liturgies, sponsored by Fordham University, and also commemorated the 350th anniversary of the Union of Brest-Litovsk. The concelebrants were Bishop Ambrose Senyshyn, O.S.B.M., Auxiliary of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese; the Rev. Stephen C. Gulovich, Chancellor of the Pittsburgh Greek Rite Diocese, and the Rev. Stephen Sachuljovskyi, C.S.S.R., of the Ukrainian Rite.

The theme of the conference, held at the university and attended by 1,500 persons, was "Rome and Reunion." The Very Rev. Robert I. Gannon, S.J., university president, in his address of welcome declared that "the specter haunting our discussion is the same that has hung over the United Nations Security Council for weeks — Soviet Russia." Bishop Joseph P. Donahue, Auxiliary of New York, presided.

Reds Rule 16,000,000

Msgr. Thomas J. McMahon, National Secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, declared that 16,000,000 Catholics under Soviet rule in the Western Ukraine are subjected to ruthless persecution. He recalled the solicitude for these people expressed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in his recent Encyclical, "Orientalis Omnes Ecclesias," and asserted that the recent report from Moscow that the Ukrainian Catholics had joined the Russian Orthodox Church was untrue.

He quoted from a letter by eight Ruthenian Catholic priests to the People's Commissar for Foreign Affairs, V.M., Molotov, which protested the "arrest of the whole Episcopate and a great

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