

# Orthodox Bishops in Munich Denounce Control by Alexis

New York — (NC) — Communist domination of the Russian Orthodox Greek Catholic Church received a powerful setback this month when a council of 26 bishops, representing the adherents of that church outside the U.S.S.R., met in Munich and upheld unanimously the opposition of Metropolitan Anastasius to the Soviet-appearing actions of Patriarch Alexis of Moscow and his satellite bishops.

The Orthodox bishops, who had travelled to the Munich meeting from many countries, including the United States and Canada, declared Alexis guilty of falsification of the true state of affairs of their church within Russia and accused the patriarch and his associates of allowing the church to become a Red propaganda machine. They also condemned Alexis and the Russian Orthodox bishops for blasphemy against the Mother Church.

This information, contained in the text of the resolution agreed upon at the sessions, held from April 26 to May 9, has been verified by Msgr. Fulton J. Sheen, of the Catholic University of America, who has been in close touch with Russian Orthodox church matters for the past six months. Msgr. Sheen also disclosed that he has received an authentic report that the Serbian Orthodox church outside of Serbia has separated itself from its leaders inside that Tito-ruled country because they have come under Communist domination.

called freedom granted the Church is very restricted in character and is mostly for propaganda purposes and has no real value. These concessions were bought at a high price. The clergy had to assume obligations toward the Soviet Government inconsistent with the dignity and high moral standing of our Church."

The resolution declares that if the Communist Government in Russia wishes to show real respect for the Russian Church it must open the doors of prisons and concentration camps and free the archpriests and priests who showed themselves to be the true men of God and champions of Orthodoxy. It must grant the clergy full freedom in preaching the Gospel either by word of mouth or in print, and must allow the clergy to give religious instruction to the younger generation.

**Travel Dangerous Road**  
Acknowledging that they do not wish to make the burdens of the Russian bishops heavier than they already are, the bishops at the Munich meeting asserted with profound regret that the hierarchy of the Russian church inside the Soviet Union has "been backed upon a false and dangerous road."

"As an example," they indicate, "facts which are uncomplimentary to the Soviets are being deliberately concealed, thus misrepresenting the true state of affairs of the Church in Russia and the country itself. Another instance is the sacrilegious assertion being made that there is no persecution of our Church and that there never was any persecution by the Soviet Government. Such assertions are nothing but tantalizing lies over the sufferings of our countless martyrs, both priests and laymen, whom the Soviet Government dares to compare to mere political prisoners legally punished for their crimes."

**Exams Listed At Seminary**  
Entrance examinations for admission to St. Andrew's Seminary will be given Saturday morning, June 8 at 9:30 a. m. at the Seminary, Plymouth Ave. north, corner of Brown St., the Very Rev. Ed. J. Lyons, rector, announced.

All applicants from high school as well as grammar school are obliged to take the examination.

ory of the martyrs and the sin of lying against our Mother Church," the bishops state, "aims for which the Hierarchy and especially her head, Alexis, will answer heavily before the judgment of history and the judgment of God."

The resolution concludes with prayers for the Russians who died as martyrs to their faith and for the Russian soldiers who were killed by the Nazis, and expresses the hope that "a free Russia will rise upon the bones of her martyrs, a Russia which will be strong in Christian truth and brotherly love." When that day comes, the bishops predict, "those now resisting repatriation will return willingly to their native land, which with God's blessing may enjoy peace and full prosperity."

The signatories of the official statement include the Metropolitan Anastasius, as Chairman of the Council of Bishops, Archbishop Pantelimon, Benedict and Philophos, Bishops Leonty, Dmitry, Afanasy, Stephen, Eulogy, Gregory, Theodore, Alexander and Nathaniel, and the Secretary of the Council, Bishop Seraphim. In a preface to the statement, it is recorded that the council passed a unanimous resolution upholding Metropolitan Anastasius in his position toward the Patriarch of Moscow.

## Eastern Rite Bishop Named

Prague — (NC) — Bishop Paul P. Goyditch, Ordinary of the Eastern Rite Diocese of Prešov in Eastern Slovakia, has been appointed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII spiritual shepherd of all Eastern Rite Catholics in the whole territory of Czechoslovakia.

"This step was quite necessary by the recent population shifts in eastern Slovakia. While formerly most of the Eastern Rite Catholics lived in Bishop Goyditch's diocese, many of them have now moved further west into other dioceses. A considerable number of Ruthenians, for instance, have moved into districts of the former Sudetenland in Moravia and Bohemia, replacing the German population that had been expelled from Czechoslovakia territory."

Bishop Goyditch, who is 58 years old, was consecrated in March, 1927. His See suffered more than any other region of Czechoslovakia during the bitter fighting early in 1945.

## Nuns Aid 1,602 Cancer Victims

Hawthorne, N. Y. (NC) — A total of 1,602 poor were cared for as incurable victims of cancer by the Dominican Sisters, Servants of Relief for Incurable Cancer, during the year ending April 30, 1946, it was reported at the annual meeting of the board of directors here.

This religious community was founded in 1899 by Rose Hawthorne Lathrop, daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne. She founded the community as Mother Alphonsa, following a long experience as a laywoman in the treatment of indigent sufferers from incurable cancer, and set the sole qualification for treatment as hopelessness of the case and incapacity of the patient to contribute to their support.

**Liturgical Conference**  
Denver — (NC) — The National Liturgical Conference will hold its annual meeting in Denver in October, Bishop Urban J. Vehr, of Denver has announced.

**COMING**  
June 24 is the feast of St. Basil, patron of our School Club. Can you build a Near East school for seven hundred dollars for a very special membership in the B.A.S.I.L.I.A. is only a dollar monthly.

**JUST A TENT!**  
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**MAY FLOWERS**  
Even though May has passed, would you be interested in giving one hundred dollars for a very special statue of Our Lady in the Memorial Chapel of the Queen of Peace, on the island of Corfu?

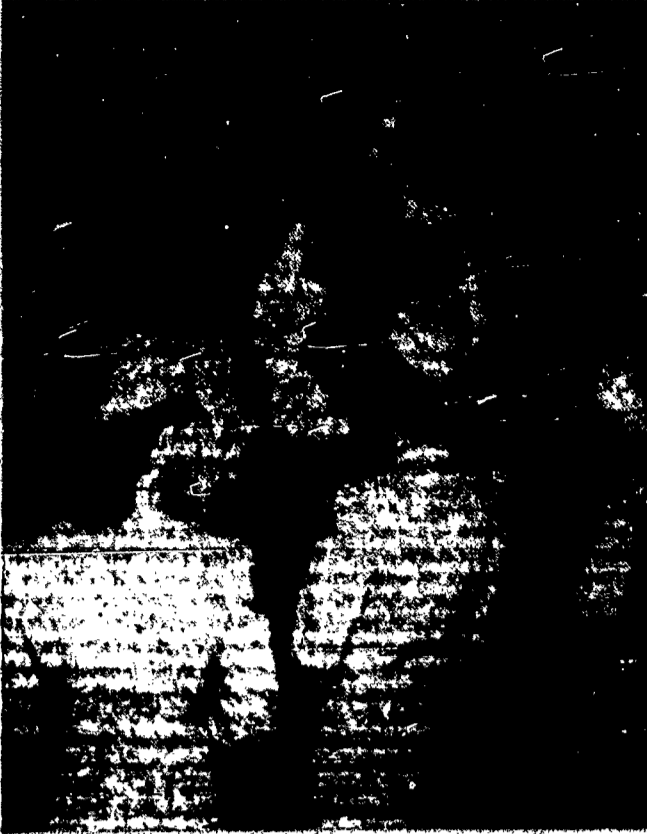
**TRADITION**  
Did Our Lord institute the Blessed Sacrament for His Mother, so that she would not be lonely after He had ascended to heaven? How many would be pleased when little children receive Her Son for the first time. Your ten dollar gift will purchase a First Communion Candle for a Near East orphan. We send you a picture.

**DO YOU?**  
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**SOME FIGHT**  
The godfather and godmother of Father Damien had an awful fight after his baptism. One said the baby made the sign of the Cross, the other claimed he snubbed. Won't you help the poor orphan lepers at the Near East by giving a dime to the DAMIEN FUND?

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## WAC MEMBERS AT RETREAT



Three WAC members of the Strategic Air Command personnel from Bolling Field base before Captain Thomas P. McHugh during a retreat held recently for SAC WACs and Nurses at the Washington Retreat House, Washington, D. C. The day of spiritual recollection was followed a week later by a similar service for male military personnel at the Franciscan Retreat, Brookland, D. C.

## Red Gain in Holland Blamed On Low Wages, Propaganda

Washington — (NC) — Seeking an explanation for strong anti-Communist sentiment manifested by communists in the recent Dutch elections, De Tijl, Catholic daily, declares that the other parties have paid far too little attention to communist propaganda. The communists obtained about ten per cent of the total vote and won ten seats in the new parliament, compared to only three in the parliament elected in 1937.

The newspaper believes that some of the communist gains come from Catholic workers, according to a Dutch radio broadcast monitored in this country, and traces this partly to the wage question. "Wages in many industries are insufficient compared with prices," De Tijl is quoted as saying. "Other social factors in the view of the Catholic daily are Russia's war achievements and unrestricted communist propaganda."

The Catholic People's Party, with 32 seats, will be the strongest political group in the new parliament and has been asked by the Queen to undertake the formation of a new government. Since the party does not have a majority, the new government will again have to be based on a coalition, in all probability with the social-democratic Labor party, which obtained 29 seats in the elections. The new parliament has 100 members.

## HOPE FOR WORLD LIES IN MARY

New York — (NC) — Just as countless American fighting men during the war planned "their hope, their strength and their unflinching comfort" on the Blessed Mother, the nation's men, women and children of today should "derive inspiration from their faith in her and turn to Mary, our hope, as we attack the problems confronting the post-war world," the Very Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, declared Sunday evening on the NBC Catholic Hour.

Recalling a luncheon tendered in honor of Gen. George C. Kenney, commander of the U. S. air forces in the southwest Pacific, Father O'Donnell said that when guests began praising his resourcefulness, General Kenney arose and said, "Now stop that. If you want to give credit where credit is due, throw your bouquets at that young colonel over there." The General pointed to Col. Jack Hensberry.

General Kenney related that on an occasion when a reconnaissance crew reported inability to obtain information of Japanese activities in Borneo, the colonel picked a crew, loaded a two-engine plane with four 500-pound bombs and went off on the mission. The General related that the colonel not only fulfilled the mission, Father O'Donnell recalled, but bombed and sank a Japanese merchant ship, two destroyers and a tanker, and then strafed a Japanese airfield, leaving eight enemy planes and their hangars in flames. The General concluded that when the colonel landed "at the home base his own plane was so battered, I ordered it to the junk heap."

"But the General," Father O'Donnell continued, "forgot to add that on Colonel Hensberry's plane were lettered the words 'Notre Dame de la Victoire'—Our Lady of Victory—and that in the cockpit was a medallion of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Father O'Donnell said that "Mary, who is the Mother of Sorrows, is also the hope of all who are in pain, of all who have known suffering; addressing his words to wounded war veterans, he reminded also that 'Mary is the hope of youth, and youth is the hope of the world.'"

"Mary," Father O'Donnell concluded, "is our hope all through the years."

**Negro Center Mourns Founder and Caretaker**  
Chicago — (NC) — St. Benedict the Moor social center, six-year old, settlement, is mourning the death of its founder and caretaker, Mrs. Hattie Johnson, 75, who volunteered her services in addition to donating a portion of her own home to the center. The center operates a schedule of after-school classes as well as Sunday and evening activities under the auspices of the Third Order of St. Francis. Mrs. Johnson is credited with having brought more than 100 converts into the Church.

## NURSE NOW NUN PRIME MOVER IN WAR MEMORIAL

Washington — (NC) — A memorial to the U. S. war dead of all religious faiths in World War II, which will be erected at the entrance to the world-famous shrine at Lourdes, France, will be a monument to the devotion of a former Army nurse, who now is a nun of the Sisters of Mercy in Chicago.

The story of the devotion of the nurse-turned nun was related here by St. Col. Andrew G. F. Nowak, a chaplain in the Regular Army for the last 17 years, who only recently returned from a tour of duty in the European theater.

Father Nowak was stationed at Lourdes from August 4, 1945, until March 23, 1946. During that time, he said, some 10,000 U. S. troops made pilgrimages to the shrine. He said that only half of the number were Catholics, but virtually all of the troops participated in the exercises.

"The conduct of the non-Catholic boys and the effect of the devotion upon them truly was inspiring," Father Nowak said. "Nurses began to lead."

After one of the first pilgrimages — there were two pilgrimages — a nurse, Sister Rosemary, led the group. "Father Nowak related, an Army nurse, Sister Rosemary, of Chicago, came to him and suggested the memorial to the boys who would be left behind."

Father Nowak said that a fund of \$30,000 was raised for the monument; the design for which has been left to the discretion of the American Friends of the Shrine of Our Lady of New York and Military War, and Bishop George Choquet of Turin and Lourdes. The sponsors of the memorial invited Cardinal Spellman to help coordinate the work, because, as a military personnel, he is their pastor.

Father Nowak is a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, Mass. Previous to World War II, he saw service in the Philippines and the Hawaiian Islands. He overseas service during World War II began at Casablanca in North Africa, extended into the Sicilian and Italian campaigns, then to France, during a period of 34 months. He is in this city awaiting a new Army assignment.

Upon her return to the States, Sister Rosemary witnessed Lieutenant Sheridan's death and entered the Chicago convent.

"One of the strange coincidences about the memorial fund," Father Nowak concluded, "was that Lieutenant Sheridan started it on the first anniversary of the landing of U. S. paratroopers in the invasion of southern France."

## Breakdown of U. S. Parley in Korea

By THE REV. PATRICK (CONNOR)  
Seoul, Korea — (NC) — It was the end of a chapter. The Russian delegation to the United States—Soviet Joint mission was leaving Southern Korea with no date set for their return.

Towering, white-gloved MPs stood spaced along the Seoul station platform. From the stairway a handful of Koreans watched silently while the Russians, in army and civilian dress, boarded their northbound special train.

Aid a little cluster of uniforms, two generals, one American, one Soviet, chatted conventionally, using the interpreter, who had served through weeks of almost fruitless negotiations.

Maj. Gen. Archibald V. Arnold, Connecticut-born Catholic, West Point, All-American footballer, the Seventh Division's commander on Attu, the Philippines, and Okinawa, now the head of the United States delegation on the commission, was saying goodbye to Col. Gen. Terentiy Shitikov, stocky-built chief of the Russian group. As an eyewitness I can testify that it was a friendly leave-taking.

An American pilot train was ahead of the Soviet special as far as the 38th parallel, where Korea has been partitioned against her will and wishes. The Soviet train was in my opinion, on the first I caught three passenger cars, a jeep, and a Chevrolet truck apparently carrying a radio transmitter, of home-made design. A young Soviet soldier with a submachine-gun pointed with the mechanism, in which, being the mechanism, he said, American honor-guard General Shitikov and his staff.

The train started to move. The whole scene was a study in the relative small Communist Party in governing a united governmental government.

## Mother Cabrini Consistory June 1

Rome — (NC) — The Vatican has announced that Mother Cabrini will be elevated to the rank of cardinal by Pope Pius XII on June 1, 1946.

A high Vatican official, who has been in contact with the American government, said that the elevation would be a fitting tribute to her life's work.

Mother Cabrini, who died in 1917, was the first American-born woman to be elevated to the rank of cardinal.

The elevation will be announced at a consistory on June 1, 1946.

Mother Cabrini was a member of the Society of the Sacred Heart.

She was born in Italy and came to the United States in 1889.

She spent most of her life in the United States, where she worked for the betterment of the poor.

She died in 1917, at the age of 78.

Her canonization was declared by Pope Pius XII in 1946.

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Shall we just dream of that little mission chapel of the Sacred Heart, which we hope to build in Transjordan, beyond where Our Lord was baptized? A thousand dollars will build this House of God.

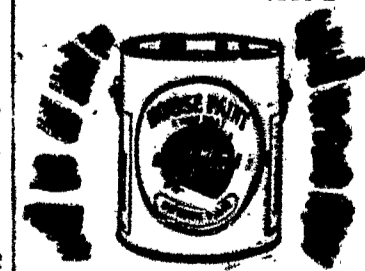
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