

# Stop Soviet Appeasement Notre Dame Expert Warns

Notre Dame, Ind. (NG)—Additional attempts to appease Russia "would have the same disastrous effect as the appeasement of Germany had," Dr. Waldemar Gurian, internationally recognized authority on Russia, declared here.

He advocated that the United States adopt a firm policy in dealing with the Soviets in order to decrease the influence of that nation's leaders, who believe a world revolution is imminent.

Dr. Gurian is professor of political science and editor of the Review of Politics at the University of Notre Dame. Expressing his views in an interview here, he cited six factors involved in the aggressive Russian policies which disregard U. S. public opinion and have produced much suspicion against the Soviet Union.

He reminded that during the war communistic propaganda was abandoned almost completely by Russia because she needed support from the democracies, particularly U. S. lend lease. But since the defeat of Germany and Japan, he emphasized, the Soviet leaders who gained influence and who believe world communism has a chance to succeed, are responsible for Russia's present policies of expansion and provoking conflicts.

Six Factors Cited

"The USSR has obtained more than enough concessions," Dr. Gurian stated, "and Russia is most responsible for the present wave of world unrest. The United Nations would lose all prestige if Russia is twice given her way."

Dr. Gurian outlined the following six factors involved in aggressive Russian policies:

- (1) The success of Russian arms during World War II has made some Soviet leaders "dizzy with success." They believe that their every demand should be granted.
- (2) High ranking Soviet army officers are interested in expanding the power and territory of Russia, and very likely without any world revolution in mind.
- (3) Soviet leaders are able to manipulate and control public opinion through their communist-dominated press and the police machinery of their totalitarian regime. They underestimate the power of a truly free public opinion in other countries.
- (4) Soviet leaders believe that disorders within and disagreements between capitalist countries will prevent a united stand against Russian aggressive policies.
- (5) Russian leaders overestimate the real power of radical and communistic groups in other nations.
- (6) They rely on the pacifism and humanitarianism widespread in the United States and England, which they believe will prompt the granting of more and more concessions and the withholding of the atomic bomb from use against Russia.

Soviet attempts to separate the United States from Great Britain must be resisted, Dr. Gurian said, in order that a united Anglo-U. S. stand may have the effect of spotlighting in Russia more moderate elements who realize the aggressive policies of the Kremlin are doomed to failure.

## Six Protestant Groups Score U. S.-Vatican Tie

Atlantic City—(RNS)—The U. S. A. officially renewed its attack on the continuance of U. S. relations with the Vatican at the 158th meeting of the General Assembly of the Church here.

In a resolution requesting President Truman to take the necessary steps to end U. S. representation at the Vatican, the Assembly protested against "continued official relations between our Government and the Vatican under whatever guise they are cloaked."

Northern Baptists Complain

Grand Rapids—(RNS)—The Northern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting here protested the continuance of Myron C. Taylor as the President's representative to the Vatican.

The resolution requested that President Truman recall Taylor and his staff at the Vatican "thus restoring once again the proper relationship between Church and State as giving no religious body prior claim upon the rights and privileges of our democratic government."

So Do Southern Baptists

Atlanta, Ga.—(RNS)—Dr. Louis D. Newton, Atlanta pastor and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced here that he and spokesmen of other Protestant groups in the United States, will meet with President Truman June 5 to present petitions that the President immediately withdraw Ambassador Myron Taylor and his staff from the Vatican.

Dr. Newton's action is backed by a resolution adopted unanimously by the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 15-19. The Baptist resolution stated the Convention's objection to an official U. S. representative to the Vatican.

And United Church

Edmonton—(RNS)—Opposition to appointment of a Canadian embassy at the Vatican was expressed by the 22nd annual meeting of the Alberta Conference, United Church of Canada, here.

A resolution adopted declared such an embassy would be an unwarranted recognition of a section of the religious life of Canada, and further it would make for national disunity and disturbance of the peace among our citizens.

And the Lutherans

Gettysburg, Pa.—(RNS)—United States representation at Vatican City was protested by the 17th annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Maryland meeting at the Lutheran Theological Seminary here.

And the Universalists

Buffalo—(RNS)—A resolution "disapproving of the action of the President of the United States in sending a representative to the Vatican, especially in view of the Constitutional separation of the state and church" was adopted by the Niagara Association of Universalists at its 114th annual meeting here. A copy will be sent to President Truman.

## Hungary Church Schools Defended

Budapest—(RNS)—A vigorous defense of church schools was made in a pastoral letter signed by the Hungarian Roman Catholic hierarchy and read in all churches here. The letter followed recent demands for abolition of denominational schools.

In an obvious reply to Communist charges that Catholic schools are "reactionary," and enjoy an "excessive and intolerable" degree of autonomy, the bishops declared that members of teaching orders devote their whole life to children and are "a blessing to the country and indispensable in the work of rehabilitation." They said that Catholic schools "amply repay expenses contributed by the state in spiritual and moral ways."

"If the state wants to eradicate Catholic schools by withdrawing material help, asserting that Catholics should maintain their own schools," the bishops asserted, "our answer to the state is that subsidizing of Catholic schools is not a favor, but comes from taxes paid by Catholic parents, as we find in England and Holland. Furthermore, the right to subsidies has been strengthened by the seizing of our landed estates, for which the state promised compensation."

## N. D. Head Asks U. S. Aid for Science

Washington—(RNS)—The Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, urged increased Federal aid to scientific research "without incurring centralized control or discouraging private report."

The Notre Dame President said his one reason for supporting the measure was that he believed creation of such a foundation was necessary for national defense. He added that were it not for this consideration he would "oppose unalterably Government assistance."

## Seek Good Friday as National Memorial

Alexandria, La.—(RNS)—The Louisiana council of the Knights of Columbus urged their annual convention here with adoption of a number of resolutions, chief among which were: to seek the adoption of Good Friday as a national memorial day; urge defeat of a bill introduced in the Louisiana legislature to remove Columbus Day from the list of state holidays; and appropriate \$5,000 for the operation of Catholic student centers at three of the state's leading colleges and universities.

## Return to Philippines and Japan



Rev. Demetrius Zema, S. J., Director of the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, at Asheville, N. Y., imparts his blessing to a group of Jesuit missionaries returning to the Philippines and Japan. The return marks the beginning of the observance commemorating the martyrdom of St. Isaac Jogues, first saint to be martyred on American soil. The Jesuit Missionary was killed by the Mohawk Indians at approximately the spot pictured here where his statue is part of a national shrine erected in honor of him and his companions. (NG Photos)

## SENATOR LISTED AT NOTRE DAME

Notre Dame, Ind. (Special)—His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, has accepted an invitation to preach the Baccalaureate Sermon at the 101st Commencement of the University of Notre Dame on Sunday, June 30. It was announced here by the Rev. J. Hugh O'Donnell, C.S.C., President of Notre Dame.

At the same time Father O'Donnell announced that Senator Arthur H. Vandenberg, Senator United States Senator from Michigan, has accepted an invitation to give the Commencement address. Senator Vandenberg is also a member of the United States Delegation to the United Nations, and a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the United States Senate.

Both will be honored with Honorary LL.D. degrees at the Commencement, which will be Notre Dame's first post-time Commencement since 1941. This will be Cardinal Stritch's first visit to Notre Dame since before the war. Senator Vandenberg will be making his first official visit to Notre Dame.

## Food for Children Drive Goes Over Top

New York—(NG)—Thirty million pounds of food have been collected in the "Food for the Children" campaign. It is estimated from preliminary reports in 61 of the 117 United States dioceses assembled at the headquarters of War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference here.

The estimated total exceeds by more than five million the number of pounds collected in a similar campaign last December and by ten million the original quota set for the entire 224 dioceses working in three eight-hour shifts a day in warehouses in New York, Chicago and San Francisco, processing and packing the food so that it may be sent on its way to the famine-stricken countries of Europe and Asia.

Already 1,200,000 pounds of the food collected have been sent in separate ships to Gdynia, Poland; Genoa, Italy; and Piraeus, Greece. It has been disclosed by Msgr. Patrick A. O'Day, executive director of War Relief Services—N.C.W.S., who explained that these countries were the first to benefit from the campaign because they are geographically reported to be the most destitute in Europe.

"I am happy to report that the generosity of Americans has enabled War Relief Services—N.C.W.S. to despite the recent temporary suspension of railroad transportation, to send help equivalent to three months' supply of food to these needy people," Msgr. O'Day stated. "It is because of their generous response to our appeal that we have been able to exceed our quota and speed these vital supplies to needy people all over the world. War Relief Services—N.C.W.S. has already distributed 70 million dollars of relief in 47 countries and will continue to help suffering people all over the world as long as there exists any need for doing so."

## Bp. Hurley Credited With Saving Prelate

Rome—(CIP)—That the activities of Bishop Joseph P. Hurley of St. Augustine, Florida, as Regent of the Apostolic Nunciature in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, have prevented the religious situation in that country from becoming even worse is indicated by reports about his activities there.

The American Bishop has succeeded in establishing contacts with all the Yugoslav bishops and recently spent ten days in Zagreb as guest of Archbishop Alysius Stepinac, who has been under violent attack from the Tito regime.

Before Bishop Hurley went to Yugoslavia, the Vatican was without any regular contacts whatever with the Yugoslav hierarchy. A CIP Correspondent has learned from a well-informed source that regular reports are being received at the Vatican from Bishop Hurley. There is no doubt that Bishop Hurley has made use of his trip to gather all pertinent information about the situation and in particular about the campaign against Archbishop Stepinac.

Archbishop Spared

In some quarters it is said that Bishop Hurley's visit is responsible for Archbishop Stepinac not being arrested and tried as a "war criminal." There have been persistent rumors to the effect that this move was planned for the spring. Archbishop Stepinac's name was the first on a list of 150 priests charged with being "war criminals" which the Tito Government published for New Year's Day, 1944, and ever since he has been threatened in the press with arrest and trial.

Excesses Prevented

The efforts of the Vatican and of Bishop Hurley have obviously not succeeded in bringing religious persecutions to an end and in checking the basic characteristics of the Yugoslav regime, which are dictatorial and totalitarian. They have, however, apparently been able to prevent a number of excesses and to keep



BISHOP JOSEPH P. HURLEY

The way open for a later settlement and when the rulers of Yugoslavia should show more willingness to respect religious liberty and basic human rights.

## Priest to See Atomic Tests

Cottinham, N.Y.—A priest of the Diocese of Covington will be among the hundreds of scientists assigned by the Government to observe and study the atomic tests of Operation Crossroads in the Mid Pacific.

He is the Rev. John F. Schuler, a student of physics in the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Cincinnati. Father Schuler has sailed from California aboard the U.S.S. Thetis for the scene of the historic tests.

Attended by the radiological safety unit of Joint Task Force One, Father Schuler will assist in measuring the radiations sent out by the atomic blast. He has specialized in such measurements by means of the Geiger-Mueller counter ever since he entered the university in 1941 as an advanced student in physics.

## 3 Priests Total 286 Years

Willy-La-ville, France—(NG)—Three priests whose ages total 229 years and whose years in the priesthood aggregate 398 were reunited in ceremonies here.

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