World Watching Polish Vote for Red Reaction

By A. A. GILBERT

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[illegible] in perspective [illegible] that the Communists [illegible] unanimously to [illegible] a unicameral legislature on June 30. The Communists are backing the plan to establish such a parliament in Poland.

The Warsaw regime, identified as Communist-dominated, is for the plan. Opposed to the move is Vice Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, backed by the ordinarily powerful Peasant Party.

There are many here who are convinced that the Peasant Party could emerge triumphant if this, or any election, in Poland were to be free, open and undistorted. In recent days, however, reports have come from Poland that the Warsaw regime had shut down Peasant Party headquarters in a half-dozen places throughout the country.

How Free a Vote?

Governments of the world are watching to see just how free the voting will be in the Polish plebiscite. Closing of Peasant Party offices by the Warsaw regime has already warned them to expect almost anything. On the other hand, there are those who hope that Soviet Russia may not want to be behind-the-scenes manipulations to become too flagrant. The resolution in Washington of a report which four Congressmen prepared on the basis of a tour of Europe has a relation to the situation. The report, so far as it has been made public calls for the United States to stop "appeasing" Soviet Russia. The report says there are some officials in Soviet Russia who are "quite favorable than others to the United States," but that everything this country yields to Russia, "by our uniform appeasement methods we alienate those who are most friendly (toward us)" and "give the others cause to argue that taking tough in America is demonstrated to be the most productive policy."

Acted Too Hastily

Furthermore the Congressional group is reported as saying the United States "acted too hastily" in granting conditional recognition to the Polish provisional government, and that next this country should adopt an "unyielding" attitude on the fulfillment of the pledge for free and unfettered elections.

"It is not thought likely here that this Government, or Great Britain, will take other than a watchful attitude toward the Polish plebiscite. This is grounded in the belief that this country wants to avoid giving Soviet Russia even the slightest pretext for charging us with interference. Observers here believe that the hand of Russia already has been seen in this forthcoming Polish ballot. They point out that the Warsaw regime, which Moscow dominates, would not have dared so boldly to close up Peasant Party headquarters in an election approached without the backing of Soviet Russia.

"In any event, the world will know if the influence of Soviet Russia can be held down as much as possible, and the people of Poland can rise up and defeat (on this point), the communist-dominated Warsaw regime." It will be a setback for Russia

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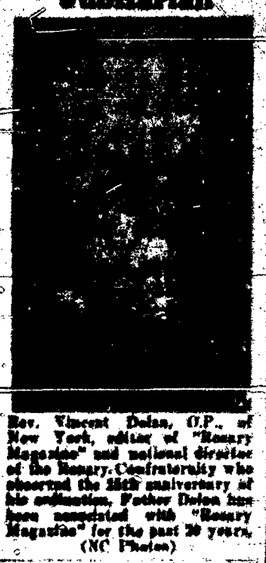

Rev. Vincent Dolan, O.P., of New York, editor of "Rosary Magazine" and national director of the Rosary Confraternity who observed the 25th anniversary of his ordination, Father Dolan has been associated with "Rosary Magazine" for the past 20 years. (NC Photo)

POLISH BISHOPS HIT EXECUTIONS

New York — (NC) — A stern condemnation of "infringements on personal freedom and executions without trial" and an appeal for the "personal security" of all Polish citizens are voiced in the joint pastoral of the Polish Hierarchy, issued after their meeting in Czestochowa, excerpts of which have been obtained by the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here.

(This is the second time within two months that the Polish Bishops have raised their voices against terrorism and against the reportedly numerous unwarranted arrests and executions. In their previous pastoral they complained of "lawlessness and wild barbarism" and declared that the nation must "cleanse public life of dishonesty, treachery and of gangsterism.")

The pastoral was read from the pulpits of Catholic churches in Poland despite the fact that national censorship prevented the Polish press from carrying the pastoral.

"One of the matters requiring special attention," the Bishops declared, "is that of unrest in the country and the insecurity of its citizens. Despite the termination of war activities, which by their nature caused death and maiming, today the lives of individuals and sometimes entire families are seriously threatened.

"Complaints are loud and universal about armed attacks, infringement of personal freedom and executions without trial. Many women and children in villages are victims of these immoral illegalities condemned by God.

Pat O'Brien, Buck Head Actors' Guild

Washington — (NC) — Gene Buck and Pat O'Brien were re-elected President and Vice-President, respectively, at the annual meeting of the Catholic Actors Guild here. George Buck continues in his post as executive secretary.

No Freedom In Red Poland Solons Report

Washington — (NC) — A report advocating full abandonment of appeasement in any U. S. relationship with Russia and deploring the plight of Soviet-dominated countries, especially Poland, has been made here by four members of the Houses of Representatives Foreign Relations Committee, who made a tour of the Soviet Union and actually all of Europe last autumn.

The report was signed by four members of the committee — Representatives Karl E. Mundt of South Dakota, and Frances P. Bolton of Ohio, who subscribed to the entire report, and Thomas S. Gordon of Illinois, and Joseph E. Ryter of Connecticut, who limited their sponsorship to almost half of their report because they did not complete the full European tour.

Russia is operated as a tightly policed State, the report stated, with freedom, as it is understood in this country, virtually unknown. The majority of the Russian people, the committee members said, appear to be friendly toward the United States and apparently wish to know more about this country. The report cited a number of instances by which Russia is accorded privileges in this country — such as allowing Soviet scholars and scientists to visit the U. S. freely — but said these courtesies are not reciprocated by Russia and urged that no greater privileges be extended to the Soviets than are given to Americans in Russia.

Four Freedoms Unknown

Regarding Poland the committee members said that the Four Freedoms virtually are unknown. They said there is some semblance of freedom of religion, but that religious instructions have been curtailed and Polish family life has been undermined by abolition of church marriages. Freedom of speech, the report said, is unknown in Poland and the people exist for the State under the present system, rather than the State for the people.

A majority in Poland, the report commented, look to Stanislaus Mikolajczyk, deputy premier and leader of the Polish Peasant Party, as their big hope. He has refused to join other government parties in the presentation of a coalition slate for the coming Polish election and currently is being attacked by the government controlled press.

"As a result of plundering, raping and living off the land by members of the Red Army, freedom from fear in Poland is "a mockery" and each man, woman and child in the nation lives constantly in fear of want," the report added.

AWARDS MENDEL MEDAL

Very Rev. Francis X. N. McGuire, O.S.A., president of Villanova College, Pennsylvania, presents the Mendel Medal to Dr. John C. Hubbard, professor of physics at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Hubbard, an authority on ultrasonics, is the sixteenth recipient of the award. The Mendel Medal is awarded to outstanding Catholic scientists. (NC Photos).

Korea Seen Springboard For Converting Orient

New York—(NC)—Korea, which she terms one of the Far East's most Christian nations, is strategically placed for the spread of the Faith in the Orient, Sister Mary Just, Maryknoll nun, writing under her secular name of Florence D. Pavid, states in a booklet just published here.

Sister Mary Just studied in America, Switzerland and England, and taught for several years before entering the Maryknoll community. She is at present engaged in editorial and research work at the Maryknoll Center, Maryknoll, N. Y.

The Faith was brought to Korea around 1781 by native Korean[illegible] who first learned about Catholicism from the writings of Jesuit missioners in China, according to Sister Mary Just. One of the scholars went to China to find out more about the Catholic religion, was baptized and returned to baptize his friends.

First Priest Martyr

The Faith spread rapidly and in ten years there were more than 4,000 Korean Christians, despite the fact that no priest had set foot on the peninsula, the pamphlet relates. The first clergyman to enter the country was a Chinese priest who came in secretly. His labors bore much fruit but he was later arrested, tortured and put to death.

Four waves of persecution killed thousands of Korean Catholics in the nineteenth century, and the early days of Christianity in that country are filled with heroic stories of Christian martyrs.

The first native priest was the Rev. Andrew Kim, who was educated and ordained in China, the pamphlet says. He was the son of a well-to-do Korean family and preached the Faith fearlessly in his native land. However, his career was short-lived. He was arrested and beheaded at the age of 26.

200,000 Catholics

Because of pressure from western powers foreign missionaries were granted the legal right to enter Korea in 1882, or just one hundred years after the Faith came to the country. The Church in Korea came of age in 1937, when the Sacred Congregation for the Propagation of the Faith entrusted the Prefecture Apostolic of Chunju in southern Korea to the exclusive jurisdiction of native Korean Clergy, the pamphlet relates.

Korea, with a population of about 23 million people, today has around 200,000 Catholics, the pamphlet says. At the outbreak of World War II, the country had 123 foreign priests, 121 native priests, 200 seminarians, 35 foreign Brothers, 12 native Brothers, 49 foreign Sisters, 233 native Sisters and 1,657 lay catechists.

Austrian Leader Asks for End Of Occupation

London — (NC) — Just settlement of the Austrian question is basic to any reasonable solution of the Central European problem, said Dr. Karl Gruber, 37-year-old Foreign Minister of Austria, in an interview here.

He pointed to the maintenance of huge occupation armies by the big Four powers and restrictions in the various occupation zones as hampering "in a fatal manner" the restoration of normal conditions.

"The most important aim of the Austrian government at present is to facilitate agreement on just peace terms," Dr. Gruber told The Catholic Herald. "This matter is one that concerns all Europeans who are anxious for the restoration of good, peaceful conditions on the Continent. A study of the map of Europe will suffice to substantiate my view that an Austrian settlement — quickly, amicably and justly — is of major importance in stabilizing European peace."

Dr. Gruber, who is a Catholic and a member of the predominantly Catholic Austrian People's party, said he thought the reason a coalition between Catholics and communists in an Austrian government could operate effectively was that the communists in Austria have not interfered in any way with religion.

"On the contrary," he said, "many of them have attended religious services all over the country. Their main preoccupations have been economic in the home sphere and in foreign policy."

Predominately Catholic

His party, Dr. Gruber said, is a people's party and, therefore, it is predominantly Catholic. "So called Austria numbers far more Catholics in its population than citizens of other creeds."

Declaring the economic state of the country to be "bad," the Austrian statesman said that "but for a little relief from the Allied authorities" conditions would have reached a dangerous crisis in recent weeks. "We were down to 700 calories a day," he said.

Dr. Gruber, who speaks flawless English, explained that although the Austrian government can pass its own laws it must do so with the approval of the four occupying powers, each with its own different philosophy and policy. Difficulties in obtaining permits for trade between the four zones makes "the return of a healthy industry and commerce impossible," he said.

AFL Demands Inquiry Of Communist Activity In Hollywood Unions

San Francisco — (NC) — A denunciation of the World Federation of Trade Unions as a world-wide labor fifth-column for communism and a demand for an investigation of the alleged communist leadership of some Hollywood moving picture unions were highlights of the California state convention of the American Federation of Labor, which opened here with an invocation by Archbishop John J. Mitty of San Francisco.

"As the influence of labor broadens not only within economic life but also in social and political life, guard us against those decisions that would make of man a mere puppet of an all powerful State," the Archbishop said in prayer. "Impress upon our minds that unless we find in Thy laws the guide for our conduct, one law alone will prevail in the market-place and in legislative halls — the law of the jungle, the law that might is right."

George Meany, secretary-treasurer of the A.F. of L., described the World Federation of Trade Unions as having "a big assignment in Soviet plans for the future." He said that an analysis of the 68,000,000 membership claimed by the federation would show that Soviet Russia and the countries it controls have about 70 per cent of the votes, with voting strength based on the membership claims.

"A program for world domination calls for world-wide power and influence over those who produce," he said. "This so-called federation of world labor could well be a very efficient instrument for world policy through the use of fifth-column methods which Hitler used in some countries with great effect."

The resolution on investigation of communist domination in Hollywood A.F. of L. unions was adopted by the convention in amended form. References to specific persons were cut out of the final resolution.

The original resolution made the charge that it is common knowledge that the communist party has placed special emphasis on its program to capture crafts unions in the motion picture industry for its own propaganda purposes.

Retreat Master Dies

Rochester, Minn. — (NC) — The Rev. John Patrick Gallagher, SJ., of Holy Trinity Church, Washington, D.C., who died at S. Mary's Hospital here, was one of the most widely known retreat masters in the East and South, where he had conducted missions and retreats for more than a score of years.

Leads Veterans

MAX SORENSEN

CONVERT NAMED NEW CWV HEAD

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Newark, N. J. — (NC) — Max J. Sorensen of Philadelphia, a convert to the Catholic Faith, was elected to succeed Edward T. McCaffrey as National Commander of the Catholic War Veterans at their 11th annual convention here.

Born in Copenhagen in 1899, Mr. Sorenson came to the United States in 1916 and a year later was in the air forces of his adopted country, which had entered World War I. A machinist and toolmaker, Mr. Sorensen was appointed an instructor on foreign types of aircraft engines. While serving in the Army, he became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

Mr. Sorensen became a convert from Lutheranism and was received into the Church in 1924. He is the father of nine children and has one adopted son. Three of his sons and his adopted son served in World War II; one son, William R., was killed in France.

STARVATION WILL NOT WAIT IN GERMANY!

The daily diet of a German family, as described by John C. Metcalfe in the New York Herald-Tribune on June 16th, consists of *brown bread and ersatz coffee for breakfast,* and *a soup—made from a few potatoes, white beets and lettuce—both for lunch and dinner.* Such a diet, day after day, means slow starvation for thousands of children and old people, and less and less strength for those who must work to support themselves and their families.

Because they are not eligible to receive aid from UNRRA, the German people must depend on what meager stocks of food they have left, and on the help given them by voluntary agencies.

THEY NEED YOUR HELP

Unless they receive more aid immediately, starvation which knows no Charity, and shows no mercy, will strike down thousands of innocent children, old and infirm persons who, in their misery, cannot help themselves.

His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman said on May 5th in an appeal for the starving peoples of the world: "If we do not feed these people it will not be the atomic bomb that will demolish civilization but the lack of active charity."

Your gift will literally save a life.

WON'T YOU HELP TODAY?

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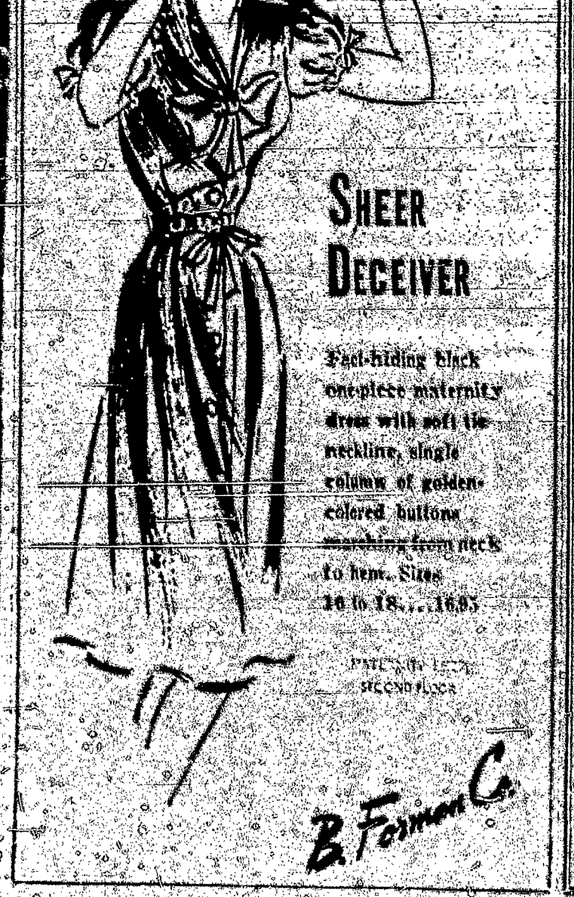

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