

Bring Rationing Back, Bp. Sheil Tells Veterans

Des Moines — (NC) — If rationing is the only way to bring food to the hungry of the world, let us graciously, with good will accept it, Bishop Bernard J. Sheil, Auxiliary of Chicago, told delegates to the national convention of the American Veterans Committee here, warning at the same time that we will "go down in history as unbelievably callous" unless we do the little that we have been asked to do in order to relieve the famine.

The prelate, who reviewed as a "concerned citizen" the present economic and social situation in this country, made a strong plea for the support of the United Nations Organization, which he termed a "human" and a "fragile" instrument, "but freighted with the best hopes of the world."

"We cannot go on our merry way," the Bishop said, "abandoning the world to its own devices. Our fondest hopes for a decent social order will never be realized unless we cooperate with other nations. If we succeed in building a society that is really just and humane, the chances for such a society throughout the world are immeasurably increased."

The "Red Scare"

Taking issue with those who "take the red scare of communism whenever plans for social improvements are proposed," the Chicago prelate said "America has nothing to fear from communism. It is a political-social order that regards in the words of Pope Pius XII, man as 'at the same time the beginning and the end of life in human society.'"

"People who are well-fed, well-dressed, and well-housed are not interested in communism," Bishop Sheil said. "If we make American democracy work, not only politically, but economically and socially, we will have conquered any ideology. We fight for social justice, he said, 'not that men may more certainly follow the road to God.'

Bishop Sheil severely censured the U. S. Congress as being "peculiarly inapt" in the face of great opportunities and charged it with being "pusillanimous in its sidestepping of issues." Pointing to delays and evasions on the pending full employment, FEPC, and minimum wage bills, he said the Bishop said:

"Yet when and where legislation is called for, there is a flurry of activity. No longer content, but in hysterical haste, our salons vie with each other in proposing ill-conceived and labor plans."

Scores 'Powerful Men'

The Bishop cited inadequate housing conditions, inadequate medical care and the low wage levels affecting large sectors of the population to illustrate what he termed the "mythical standard of living." He called the "group of powerful men" who "cry for a return to normalcy" while their "only wish is to take the coaling of profits and to clamp the lid tightly on wages."

"We all believe in free enterprise," he continued "but in an enterprise that is really free. We do not believe in an enterprise which is free to disregard its responsibility to its workers and to the nation."

"Labor's demands are neither radical nor excessive," the Bishop said, pointing to the increase in the cost of living as the first cause of industrial strife. In this connection, citing the rise of prices, he said "we are subjected to the degrading tyranny of carter who wax fat on our necessity."

ROSARIES FOR GREECE



The first 10,000 rosaries, initial shipment of some 50,000 registered by the Rosary Confraternity of Greece, are now en route to their destination. (Workers in the Family Rosary Office, Albany, assemble the rosaries before the Shrine of Our Lady of the Family Rosary. Rosaries are being fast the also each day, following an appeal made by Bing Crosby, motion picture star. Rev. Patrick J. Peyton, C.S.C., is national director of the Family Rosary Crusade. (N.C. Photos)

Prelate Sees Retreatants Foe Of Materialism

Boston — (NC) — The place of a Catholic layman's retreat movement in a world in which secularism has made religion "a one-day-of-the-week" concern was defined here by Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston in an address as host to 1200 delegates to the National Catholic Laymen's Retreat Conference.

"The retreat movement, trafficking men from the spirit of the world to intimacy with God, is one of the most fruitful means in modern life of mounting a rear-guard army of men of God. And there is no greater need in our day. Men of education have given us a new paganism; men of science have given us weapons of destruction; men of statecraft give us war. Men of God are needed to give us peace. And such men are the products of the retreat movement," the Archbishop declared.

Judge Thomas J. Molloy of Hartford, in his conventional address urged the retreat leaders to "try to attain the high role, which is yours of the common priesthood." Speaking critically of Catholic public figures and professional men "who by their actions bring disgrace upon their Church," he said: "Let's get rid of the front-runners, the grandstanders and the hypocrites who seek the glory and shun the labor."

Cites Two Evils

Archbishop Cushing declared that there are two evils underlying our secularistic society which demand the retreat movement and the values it provides. "The first is the perverted cult of mere matter, the evil we call materialism; the second is the cult of mere mind, the evil we call purely natural humanism. The first, materialism, inevitably breeds war; the second, humanism, is incapable of producing peace. The first is evil because it blinds men to their true good; the second is evil because it deprives men of the true means to attain their good. Each in its own way mortifies the spirit of Christ and annuls the efforts of Christ to redeem and reconstruct society."

Saying that materialism exalts and stimulates the passions of men instead of teaching to control and master them, the Archbishop declared it as an "unconventional" form of religion. "It is the thing that hinders the heart of the crusader; it is the one hand and the cruel communist on the other," he declared. "It is the number one scourge of our society. And its arch-enemy is the man of God moulded in the retreat movement, wherein the will of the creature is brought into harmony with the Will of the Creator."

Chaplain



Area chief of Veterans Administration chaplains is the new assignment for the Rev. Spencer Strahan, formerly English professor at Catholic University of America, and Army Chaplain overseas in World War II. Father Strahan will supervise the U.S. chaplain activities in California, Arizona, Nevada and Hawaii (NC Photos)

U. S. Membership in UNESCO Approved

Washington — (NC) — Complete endorsement of the amended resolution before the Senate providing for U.S. membership in the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was given by the Rev. William E. McManus, assistant director of the Department of Education, National Catholic Welfare Conference, in testifying before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations.

Mrs. Frederik G. Hochwalt, director of the Government, had testified on the unamended resolution before the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Father McManus repeating Monsignor Hochwalt's "strong endorsement of UNESCO," reaffirmed support of Section One of the resolution which proposes that the United States accept membership in UNESCO, and of Section Two which designates the kind of representation for the U.S. in the General Conference. He also endorsed the present provisions of Section Three, to which in his original form Monsignor Hochwalt had expressed opposition prior to its amendment in the House of Representatives.

No Hurdling

Monsignor Hochwalt had objected to the original provisions of the section on the grounds that the State Department could

Ex-Physician Says First Mass

Chicago — (NC) — The Rev. Anthony G. Raskauskas, for ten years a practicing physician in Chicago, returned here today to enter his first Mass in a Nativity church. He was born in Lithuania and prepared for a medical career at Northwestern university, completing his internship at St. Francis Hospital, Evanston. After the death of his wife he entered the novitiate of Our Lady of the Angels at Niagara University and later resided at St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe, Pa. He was ordained on June 19 by the Most Rev. Hugh C. Boyle of Pittsburgh.

French Children Receive Food from Canadians

Paris — (RNS) — Nearly six thousand cases of food for French children donated by Catholic children in Canada were presented here to Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris, at a ceremony attended by Mme. Vanden, wife of the Canadian Ambassador to France. The food collections were organized by children in the diocese of Peterborough and the archdioceses of Montreal and Ottawa.

Bing Crosby's Appeal Nets 10,000 Rosaries for Greece

Albany — (NC) — Ten thousand rosaries already are on their way across the ocean to Catholics in Greece and hundreds of others are being received daily at Family Rosary headquarters here, for similar shipment at a later date, it has been announced by the Rev. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., Family Rosary director.

This is the latest result of the Bing Crosby Rosary Appeal. Father Peyton said the appeal has a goal of 50,000 rosaries for Greek Catholics. Apart from his movie, radio and phonograph record work, Bing Crosby's popularity among the Greek Catholics dates back to Mother's Day, 1944, when he made an appeal on a radio program sponsored by Father Peyton on behalf of the daily family rosary movement.

Recently Mr. Crosby received a message from Velisarios Freis, secretary of the Rosary Confraternity of Greece, which told of the scarcity of rosaries among Greek Catholics and asked for aid from U.S. Catholics.

This led to the launching of the Bing Crosby Rosary Appeal, through which donors of rosaries sent to the Appeal at 323 Madison Ave., Albany, will receive a personal letter of thanks from Mr. Crosby.

"Although a goal of 50,000 rosaries was set," Father Peyton said, "no doubt Our Lady will be pleased if that goal is surpassed. A rosary in the hands of a devout Catholic means greater peace and security for the whole world."

Bishop Muench Expected at Fulda

Berlin — Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, North Dakota, who has been named by the War Department in Washington to serve as liaison between the Catholic Church authorities and the United States Military Government in Germany, is expected to take part in the annual meeting of the German Hierarchy in Fulda, this August.

The German Hierarchy has heartily welcomed Bishop Muench's coming. The German Bishops regard his choice as an ideal one for a very important assignment. It is not yet known whether Bishop Muench will make his headquarters in Frankfurt or Berlin, but it is expected that he will remain in Germany a considerable length of time.

PAPER ENDORSES U.S.-VATICAN TIE

Baltimore — (NC) — The reasoning which prompted eight Protestant organizations to insist that President Harry S. Truman recall Myron C. Taylor, his personal envoy to the Vatican, is "hard to follow," The Baltimore Sun has stated in an editorial, adding that "there are positive and practical reasons which make it important that the chief executive of the United States maintain a relationship with the Vatican."

"Whether you like it or not," The Sun editorialized, "the Pope is a ruler, and an authority in his temporal affairs, and his moral sway is all but absolute in much of western Europe and extends to some degree all over the world. To his court come many of the powerful persons in secular as well as religious life. Even in times of war, the Vatican is able to maintain relationships and communications with both sides. If this means nothing else, it means that the Vatican is the world's best listening post."

The Sun contended that the country which maintains a representative at the Vatican knows more about the currents and cross currents of international affairs than the country which does not, and added that only "the foolish man closes his ears to useful information."

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The Pontifical Fathers, our best missionaries in Syria, must support all their work, even though they are under many attacks. Right now they need three hundred dollars for their work in the diocese of Tripoli. Bishop Khalil, without Cathedral, seminary or suitable home, can give them nothing.

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