

Italy, Trieste Rulings Of Big Four Violate Charter, Cardinal Says

London—(NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, strongly criticized recent proposals of the Big Four regarding Italy and Trieste as a violation of principles of the Atlantic Charter and as decisions based on power politics and vengeance.

The Cardinal spoke at a luncheon following the consecration of the English Martyrs' Church in Spaxhill, a suburb of Birmingham, where he once served as Auxiliary Bishop.

Earlier in the week Cardinal Griffin received an honorary degree from Birmingham University. Speaking in the presence of Anthony Eden, Britain's former Foreign Minister, His Eminence decried the nationalization of education, which he said often resulted in the prostitution of learning for some political ideology.

In his criticism of peace proposals for Italy, Cardinal Griffin recalled that the signatories of the Atlantic Charter stated that "their countries seek no aggrandizement, territorial or other."

"Secondly," he said, "the desire to see no territorial changes that do not accord with the freely expressed wishes of the people concerned."

Thirdly, they respect the right of all peoples to choose the form of government under which they shall live.

Trieste Bishop Speaks
The Archbishop read a message he had received from Bishop Antonio Santin of Trieste in which the latter complained that the "decisions of Paris are throwing this population into despair."

The internationalization of Trieste will mean increasing struggles and sources of complications," the message read. "The Italian cities of Western Istria allotted to Yugoslavia are deprived of any freedom, including religious freedom."

The population demands that the ethnic principles established at London be not betrayed, Bishop Santin wrote, adding that the people want the union to Italy of those areas which are admittedly Italian, or at least they want their fate decided by plebiscite.

Cardinal Griffin also referred to the recent referendum in Poland and noted attacks made by communists on the Polish Peasant Party, which according to Stanislaw Mikolajczyk, its leader, suffered the arrest of 1,213 members by the security police and the assassination of 14 members.

Cardinal Griffin repeated his demand that free elections under Allied supervision be held in Poland immediately.

Role of Church
At Birmingham University, the Cardinal pointed out that "the Church was providing educational facilities for poor students long before the modern State began to take any interest in the education of the masses of the people."

While Catholics are sometimes treated as interlopers in the educational field, he said, "anyone who is even slightly acquainted with the history of education in this country knows that its whole foundation was laid by the Church."

"All human activity is gradually being circumscribed by the politician," the Cardinal said. "Throughout the greater part of Europe the State (in plain English, politicians) is arrogating to itself all direction of the human mind. The modern trend goes far beyond the mere conscription of manpower. Science is conscripted in the name of research; literature is controlled for the sake of that ugly thing, propaganda; and if you are not on your guard, learning itself will be fettered."

Pointing out the strong force Christianity has always been in the advance of true learning and in checking those who would prostitute education to political ends, the Archbishop quoted Albert Einstein, who, he said, may "well be the world's greatest scientist but surely not a proponent of 'Christianity'."

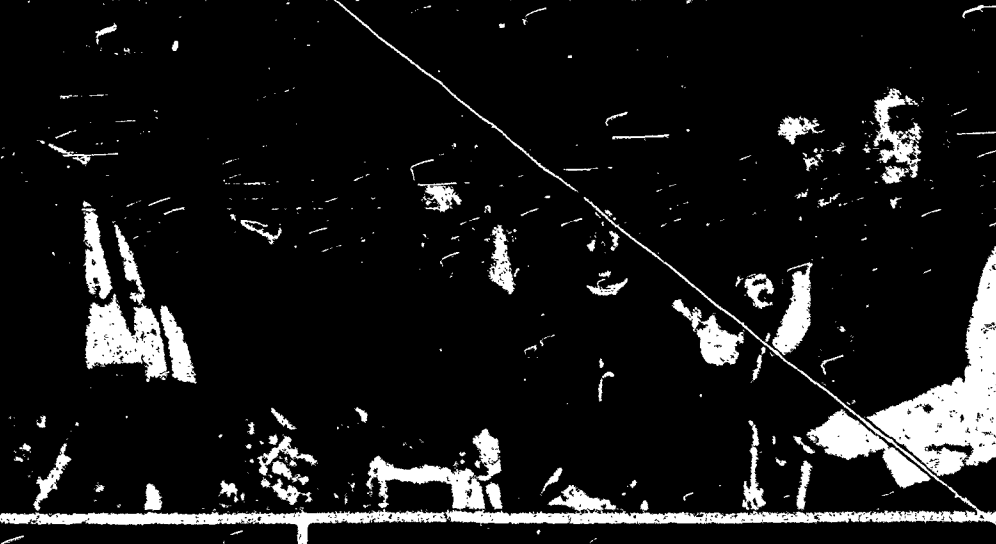
Hirohito Meets Two U.S. Bishops
Tokyo (NC) Emperor Hirohito warmly admires the work of His Holiness Pope Pius XII for world peace, he told Bishops John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo and Michael J. Ready, of Columbus when he received at the Imperial Palace.

Acknowledging this tribute to the Pontiff, Bishop Ready quoted the Pope's words uttered shortly before the outbreak of World War II: "Nothing is lost with peace, all may be lost with war."

The Emperor expressed his grateful appreciation of the Pope's interest in the welfare of the Japanese people and his appreciation of the extraordinary services that Catholic priests and Sisters are rendering the war destitute the sick and the orphaned in Japan.

Enumerating the places which they had already visited the Bishops said that they had been impressed by the efforts Japanese Catholics are making under tremendous difficulties to reconstruct their churches and schools and also by the Catholic contribution toward education.

U. S. Bishops Welcomed In Japan



Japanese Catholics turned out to welcome distinguished members of the American hierarchy upon their arrival in Tokyo recently. Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo and Bishop Michael J. Ready, of Columbus made the trip at the request of the Holy See and with the approval of General MacArthur to survey the situation of this Church's ties with reference to post-war problems. Upper photo, pictured following the Pontifical High Mass, left to right: Bishop John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo, and Bishop Michael J. Ready, of Columbus. Lower photo, left, Dr. Kotaro Tanaka, outstanding Catholic layman and cabinet member reads an address of welcome; right, pictured at the Mass, John G. Liebert, Washington, Economic and Scientific Section, G.I.C.; Postmaster General Robert E. Hannagan; Gael E. Sullivan, Assistant U. S. Postmaster General; in front, Mr. Torii, outstanding Japanese benefactor of charitable works in Osaka. (NC Photos)

Father Gefell with Bishop O'Hara Bring Papal Word to Buddhists

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR, Kyoto, Japan (NC) In an ancient Buddhist temple here, I saw a Catholic Bishop, the Most Rev. John F. O'Hara, C.S.C., of Buffalo, speaking on television to a group of Buddhist abbots representing Japan's leading Buddhist sects.



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"We would like to have your advice on present conditions," Abbot Hoshimoto of Nishi Honganji Temple told Bishop O'Hara who was accompanied by Capt. Joseph G. Gefell, Army Chaplain from Rochester, N. Y.

"I have come here as a Catholic. I have been sent here to bring to all of you Japanese people a message of peace from the Pope, a message I want to deliver to you."

The Bishop said, "to stress the importance of respecting the rights of the family as the basic unit of society. Anti-human and immoral doctrines now are spreading all over the world in an effort to impose divorce and birth control on mankind. These two ideologies are absolutely against human nature and Divine Law."

Count Otsuki of the Nishi Honganji sect, replied: "We are most glad to hear the Pope's great message of peace. Inspired parish leader of Japan's Buddhists, though differing with Catholics in belief, agree with them regarding the evils now prevailing."

Spoken for by the Shingon or eastern, Honganji and Shingon sects, also welcomed the Bishop's address. A Shingon abbot told how pre-war Japanese followers of Shinto and Buddhism put complete faith in their gods.

"Now, after Japan's defeat, their religious sentiments are shaken," he said. "They have found their religion insufficient. Listening to Your Excellency we are encouraged to renew our interest in spiritual things."

Mgr. Paul Futuya, Prefect Apostolic of Kyoto, also addressed the group.

N. D. VETS ASK PROBE ON REICH

Notre Dame — (NC) — A Congressional inquiry into why the original State and War Department plans for the military government of Germany have been discarded for a "policy of fostering economic anarchy in Central Europe in general and Germany in particular" is requested in a petition drawn up by the Veterans Club at the University of Notre Dame for forwarding to President Truman and Congress.

The petition, signed so far by more than 700 of the university's 1,800 veterans, urges that the original occupation plans be made public and be used to place Central Europe in a condition "in which it can support itself and pay reparations out of current production rather than having to be supported as an 'economic slum' by the taxpayers of the United States."

The petition further requests that, "in accordance with the wishes expressed by religious leaders such as Pope Pius XII, all prisoners of war be returned to their own countries."

British Mothers Begin Pilgrimage

London — (NC) — Catholic mothers from all parts of the country are arriving in London to start a Union of Catholic Mothers' pilgrimage to the Old English national shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, Norfolk. Mothers are traveling direct to the shrine. The pilgrimage has a two-fold purpose: thanksgiving that Britain was not invaded by the enemy, and the moral restoration and preservation of home life.

Catholics Donate To Jewish Refugees

Kansas City, Mo. (RNS)—The Most Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, Bishop of Kansas City, has personally donated \$500 to the United Jewish Appeal for Refugees.

In addition to Bishop O'Hara's gift, contributions of \$100 each have been made by four Catholic lay organizations of this city. They are the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Diocesan Council of the Holy Name and the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

The United Jewish Appeal is currently conducting a \$100,000,000 campaign for overseas relief.

CHARGES STALIN WITH WAR GUILT

Syracuse, N. Y. — (INS) — Rev. Dr. Edward Lodge Curran, Brooklyn priest, charged last week that Joseph Stalin was as guilty as Adolf Hitler of starting World War Two. Father Curran said:

"The biggest and bloodiest dictator in the world today is Stalin. The greatest threat to world peace today is Red Fascist Russia."

The Brooklyn priest's blast at the Russian chief of state was roundly applauded by delegates to the 63rd National Convention of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, launching a campaign to get Communists out of public office in America.

Father Curran asserted "Stalin should have been tried side by side with the other war criminals in the trials at Nuremberg."

230 Priests, 11 Nuns Die Under Tito Rule

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Another reported means of impoverishing the church and preventing it from carrying out its mission consists of the occupation or requisition of ecclesiastical buildings. In some regions Marshal Tito's Partisans are said to have set fire to or otherwise destroyed many Catholic properties, including parishes, forcing parish priests to take shelter in private homes. In one province alone forty-three religious homes and four parishes were destroyed through public subscriptions are said to be occupied by civil authorities and converted into "people's homes."

Escaping Execution, Brave Chinese Priest Tells Of Torture and Imprisonment by Communists

(Describing three months of torture inflicted upon a Catholic priest while a prisoner of Chinese communists, the following story was forwarded to N.C.W.C. News Service through Don Gerard E. Mach, O.S.A., of the Benedictine Chinese Mission in Peiping. The account was written by the Rev. Francis Sun, Chinese priest who was captured by Communists on January 3, 1948, and escaped in April 2, 1948.)

By REV. FRANCIS SUN (Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

Peiping, China—A sinister shadow has hung over the district of Luanti, Shanxi, since the region has been occupied by Chinese communists. When the Reds arrived they occupied the churches and spread false rumors about the missionaries.

"They invariably stir up the people to fight against the priests. During services they will shout in the church; during Mass they will lean against the altar, staring at the priest, and if he shows resentment they will accuse him of being an evil man and argue with him."

I remember when Father Stephen Liu brought Holy Communion to a sick man, the Reds presented a dish of meat to the man, saying: "Which is better, that small piece of bread or this meat?"

Early in 1948, they started an attack on the Church. I was at the Bishop's house on business and was told that another priest, substituting for me at my mission, had been captured because he had given aid to the victory of a National Government soldier. I was advised to flee, but decided to remain.

One day, during a heavy snow storm, three Red soldiers with a cart arrived and ordered me to follow them. They took me to Luchungshan, where many soldiers surrounded me and reviled me. I had to stand there for three hours. That was on January 3.

Stripped and jailed
In the evening I was led into a room and put on trial. The chief asked my occupation, and when I said it was to preach the Gospel and save souls, he replied: "Superstition! Put him in jail!"

I objected, but they stripped of my clothes, searched them and found my records. I brought for my records, but they said it was superstition and sent me to a small room with a small window covered with paper, no heat and the floor was damp. I was kept in this room two months.

One day a Red soldier came and announced: "The chief calls you to judgment." He led me to a house where there were two men in military uniform who questioned me. One asked: "Do you think you are innocent? You know we are fighting the Japanese and don't arrest innocent people. Surely, you are a priest and therefore you deceive people by superstition, and moreover you have



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wise have read the books of God. Attackers Weep
The communist then said: "Nonsense! Best him."

Many people who were under Christ, including my Christians, came and beat me. They wept while beating me and I fell to the ground, for they were ordered to "strike very hard."

Then they beat me again. The same communist leader turned to me and commanded: "Such a man confessed his sin to you. Tell us what he confessed. I replied: 'I don't know.' He said: 'He confesses so many sins, we must beat him.' This was done several times, and every question was followed by a beating. I said: 'I may not tell. For in the history of the Church you can find many examples to show a priest does not reveal the secrets of confession. Therefore you must not think that I will reveal them.' They cried out: 'You will die.' They beat me three or four times and one man said: 'He did not answer our questions, now we will ask him another.' He said: 'I will tell you what he confessed. He said: 'I confess to confess to the nation because they do not marry and they are deceived by strangers. If Chinese do not marry they have no children. That there will be no more Chinese and the English and Americans can occupy China.'

I said: "We preach and exhort people to do good things. If all do good, they will become good. If all are good, the nation will prosper." They said I was deceitful and must be beaten. They beat me several times and I was asked: "Will you marry?" I said: "I do not wish to marry, and they beat me again, saying, 'We

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