

# MOSCOW MARCHES BEHIND THE IRON CURTAIN ★ ★ AIMING TO DESTROY THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

All comprehensive picture of religious conditions in western and eastern Europe was given the writer by two Ukrainian Catholic priests who fled their country and have just arrived in America. Both spent a considerable time in Russia, Poland and Czechoslovakia. The names are withheld for the time being. The author is a native of the Western Ukraine. During the war he served as an interpreter in Russian and French at General MacArthur's headquarters.

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The Catholic Church sees more than democracy or such is recognized by the Soviets as a deadly opponent to the Soviet system in its drive to the West.

Consequently, in the Soviet Union and in all occupied countries we find a vast, Government-sponsored and directed movement against the Catholic Church and the Vatican. The battle cry of the Soviet Communists is destruction of the First Rome (Catholic Church) with Moscow as a substitute, as spiritual seat of a Soviet-dominated world!

This plan, so bold in its conception, may strike us as ex-

ceedingly ridiculous, but to the Soviet elite it is but another effective way to realize their dreams of conquest.

Thorough Sovietization of other peoples demands that their religious organizations and activities be made an integral part of the Soviet system. Religious loyalty to a non-Soviet authority is unacceptable. In the battle with opponents of Russian aims, the Soviets must employ cunning. Otherwise they have failed in an historic mission. "Soviets all over the world, or there will be no Soviets of it!" "Soviets are today, Sovietism is tomorrow, the program for the Soviet masses, a slogan was re-emphasized by Hitler's "Today Europe—Tomorrow the world!"

## UKRAINIAN CATHOLICISM IN RUSSIA

The first to fall victim to the Soviet march-for-world conquest was the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Western Ukraine and Carpatho-Ukraine. This Church, on such no longer exists. In its stead is substituted the Russian Orthodox Church, a functional organ of Soviet foreign policy.

All Ukrainian bishops and their Metropolitan were arrested;

of 4,000 Catholic priests more than 3,000 were killed, imprisoned or deported. Churches, religious houses, universities, printing establishments, libraries and archives were liquidated or appropriated by the new Soviet Orthodox Church.

Metropolitan Stryz is reported to be in a Kiev prison awaiting "trial". The bishops of Lviv, Ruzhanytski and Drahobynski are said to be dead. Only a very few Catholic priests remain "apostates". The great majority of them, loyal to the Pope, are either deported or dead. Those who remain await of being killed.

## CATHOLICISM IN POLAND

Towards the end of 1953 there were some Catholic priests who celebrated their masses by night under the protection of the powerful Ukrainian underground forces. The Russian Orthodox priests, substituted for the displaced clergy, are members of the Communist Party. All carry guns and maintain close contacts with the NKVD. Moscow. "Archbishop"

of Lviv, otherwise Mikhalo Chmurny, is a member of the Party, and his monastery, "Mikhalo," is a Soviet school. Mikhalo Lviv (Mikhalo) is in Moscow.

The attitude of the Catholic hierarchy of Western Europe towards the Catholic Church in very ungenerous. The Vatican has been very ungenerous towards the Catholic Church in very ungenerous. The Vatican has been very ungenerous towards the Catholic Church in very ungenerous.

The most interesting stories have been those of Metropolitan Stryz by the NKVD. Stryz was arrested by the NKVD on November 1, 1953, after having attended an official reception of the Soviet Ukrainian government. Although the Soviet Ukrainian government said in "proclaiming" Mikhalo Stryz, to Metropolitan Stryz's funeral, the government sponsored press violently pointed and (Turn to page 7)

## On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

Thanks to the Federal Communications Commission, atheism has just won a great victory in this country. Under an order of the FCC radio stations must give atheist time on the air. The FCC is a government agency of censorship over radio and its latest act shows very plainly that this agency exercises not only a direct control over broadcasting but also an indirect and very dangerous control over the minds and thinking of millions.

None in the story, a professed atheist, a certain Robert Harold Scott of Palo Alto, California, wanted to advocate atheism on the radio and was refused time by these different stations. Scott appealed to the FCC which has come forth with an official order granting the right of atheists to speak their ideas on the radio.

The arguments which the FCC advances in its official ruling bear a remarkable similarity to some of the nonsense which we usually find in those cheap pamphlets written by our noisy atheists. For example, the FCC boldly states that ALL OF US, in a certain sense, are atheists. Overriding that, we find people holding various notions about the nature of God. The FCC asserts: "So diverse are these conceptions that it may be fairly said, even as to professed believers, that the God of the man does not exist for another. Any so-called deity may be fairly said to be only his God exists, and therefore he who denies any God is an atheist, irrespective of his professed belief in a God." This specious reasoning makes us all atheists according to the autocratic FCC which has apparently set itself up as the self-appointed theologian of the United States Government. We would expect to find the FCC's ruling based on God and His laws, by the Christian pages of the publication of the Human Society of the Southern States is the first time that such a ruling has ever appeared on the official stationery of the United States Government.

When the Fathers of the American Revolution drafted the Declaration of Independence they entrusted their children to the "Creator" who has endowed all men with inalienable rights. Would the FCC try to say that the "Creator" of Washington and the other Fathers of this Republic is not also the "Creator" of us present-day Americans?

At Gettysburg Lincoln declared that the new "under God" would the FCC take to say that the God of Lincoln is not still our God—that we are no longer "under" the same God?

During the great war President Roosevelt continually appealed to God and in those days when we strive to build a world of peace, President Truman is also careful to enlist the aid of Providence.

American Presidents have had different religious convictions and no doubt they differed on their personal opinions concerning the exact nature of God, but they never made the blunder of denying the said fact of the One Supreme True God. President Truman holds religious convictions radically different from those of Washington, but I am sure that contrary to the suggestion of the FCC, President Truman would insist that his God is the God of Washington, and Lincoln, and all the millions of Americans who have worked and worshipped in His name.

Maybe there are no Communists among the Commissioners of the FCC but you can be certain that after this ruling in favor of atheism, our Marxist friends will be scrambling over themselves to get a job on the Commission. The setup is made to order for the Communists, and they will be the first to see the strategic importance of a government bureau which has so much power (why?) that it can reach into every home (Turn to page 7)

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## State Upholds Study Credit For Religion

The address petition of Gregory C. E. Reynolds, self-styled clergyman of the North American Old Roman Catholic Church, that Rochester public school authorities be ordered to step-granting graduation credits for religious instruction, has been denied by the New York State Department of Education. Dismissing the Reynolds petition in an opinion released this week, Lewis A. Wilson, Acting Commissioner of Education, states that "there is nothing in the provisions of the Constitution which prohibits the granting of credit for religious courses."

Commissioner Wilson observes that under the Rochester policy "neither the school nor any of its activities are used to carry on religious instruction. The children leave the school and attend the church classes entirely on their own initiative."

Explaining the dismissal of the Reynolds petition, Commissioner Wilson writes: "I find nothing in the provisions of the Constitution cited (Article XI, Section 4) which prohibits the granting of credit for religious courses. Each child who is graduated from high school must have at least 16 credit hours. Of that number a child must complete required courses in English, social studies, science and health and, in addition, a major course of study in one field plus a minor course of 2 units in a second field. The balance is wholly optional with the student, within the range of courses provided by the board of education. Most students have a considerable number of credits in excess of the 16 required for graduation. Private Schools.

"Since the beginning of the war, boards of education have accredited service and courses in the armed forces and extension courses in many localities. In other words, over the years boards have granted credit for work carried on outside of the classroom. It is anticipated that they will exercise this discretion in the case of the State extension courses at the high school course must be registered by the Department. Otherwise, the student could not undertake further work in professional courses as well as to public schools. All high schools in the State, when their courses are accredited, are admitted by the Regents to the University of the State of New York.

To hold that a board of education could not grant credit for courses under this constitutional provision where the courses are given in an institution under the control and direction of a religious denomination would carry with it the conclusion that the high school could not credit any child who had attended such a school, not only for religious courses which that school counts toward graduation but also secular subjects. In other words, to carry the theory of the applicant to its logical conclusion and accept his viewpoint, it would not be legal for a board of education to accept the credits granted by a sectarian institution for any of its students. A child who had completed a ninth grade course in a sectarian institution could not transfer to a public school and be given credit by the board of education for a year's attendance at the sectarian school. This position is patently not tenable.

"It is my conclusion, after careful consideration of the issue presented, that there is no legal obstacle which prevents the board of education of the City of Rochester from granting one unit of credit for a child for religious instruction under the circumstances herein."

## Watch of Slain Doolittle Flier Given Father Through Missioner

New York — (NC) — The watch worn by Sgt. Harold A. Spatz, one of the famous Doolittle fliers, who was executed in Shanghai on October 15, 1942, has been presented to his father, Robert A. Spatz of Lebo, Kan., by the Rev. Charles M. Dink of St. Joseph's Church in Waverly, Kan.

The presentation was made possible by a Christian Brother, John Peter Flood of Dublin, one-time Irish soldier who never lost his love for the military during his 20 years in uniform and now is teaching at St. Francis Xavier College in Shanghai.



The story of the incident was related by the Rev. Charles M. Dink, pastor of St. Joseph's Church in Waverly, Kan. He said that the watch was taken to an abandoned Chinese cemetery near the Kiangwah race track, allowed to clasp their hands in prayer for a moment, then were shot as they knelt with their arms bound to low wooden crosses.

Brother Flood was considered a neutral by the Japanese. He had relatively free access to the prisoners before their execution and regularly brought them what necessities and comforts they needed.

## CLERGY SLAIN IN INDO-CHINA

Paris — Persecution of the clergy and faithful at the hands of communists and other extremists enrolled under the flag of nationalism in Indo-China is reflected in reports received here through files.

Three Anamite priests have been slain in the Vicariate Apostolic of Vinh-Lon in Cochinchina. Father Thu, whose throat was slashed; Father Gam, who was shot; and Father Dinh, who was beheaded in his church.

In the same region, radio broadcasts burned the churches and part of the village of Em-bre.

Bishop Tu, the new Anamite Ordinary of Phat-Diem, sought refuge with the Redemptorist Fathers. Communists demanded that the Bishop be delivered to them and threatened if they demands were not met that the Clerical Monastery as Chan-Son, of which the Bishop was Prior before his elevation to the Episcopate, would be destroyed.

Bishop Dominique Ho Ngoc Can, Vicar Apostolic of Qui-Chu at Tonkin, also is in flight to protect his life.

At Tan-Qui in Cochinchina, a mob of several hundred persons burned the church, pillaged the villages and massacred a number of the faithful. Ten Christians, it was reported, were put to death because they sang at church services.

## FCC Rules Religion Can be Target on Air

Washington—(NC)—The Federal Communications Commission has promulgated a "striking doctrine," with reasoning "as peculiar as its conclusions," in an "opinion and order" handed down on the complaint of an atheist who had been unable to gain broadcasting time on radio stations, according to the Rev. Dr. Maurice S. Sheehy, head of the Department of Religious Education of the Catholic University of America.

## KLAN PROBED IN 7 STATES

Washington — (NC) — Federal authorities are investigating activities of the Ku Klux Klan in seven States, according to the Department of Justice, which promised swift criminal prosecution if violations of Federal law are discovered. The seven States are New York, Michigan, Tennessee, Florida, California, Mississippi and Georgia.

The inquiries, which are being made by the Civil Rights Division of the Department, assisted by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, center in particular on violations of Federal election laws and civil rights statutes. Complaints about a revival of Klan activities are coming from all sections of the country, the Department said, and the inquiry may be extended to other parts of the nation.

The investigation includes two specific complaints about Klan activities directed against Negroes, department officials said. One comes from a Florida community, where the Klan is said to have cooperated with local officials to prevent Negroes from moving into a housing project. The other alleges that in a Georgia county a band of masked men fired into the houses of Negroes and warned them against voting in the primary.

## Vatican Organ Sees No True Peace at Paris

Vatican City — (NC) — Observator Romano, in a front page editorial "Experiment of Peace," commenting on the Paris conference, says it cannot achieve a true peace because the principles of the Atlantic Charter have yielded to compromise.

The Vatican daily, however, expresses the hope that recognition of the common needs of mankind will gradually clear the atmosphere of this new respite, and that "peace will correct the peace."

The sense of profound unity and hope which everywhere greeted the end of hostilities should have also marked the opening of the peace conference. Observator writes, "but we look for this sense in vain on the faces and in the souls of the peoples, even of the victors themselves."

## BUDENZ CONVERTED COMMUNIST EDITOR TO LECTURE HERE

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## DUTCH PLAN OWN OBERAMMERGAU

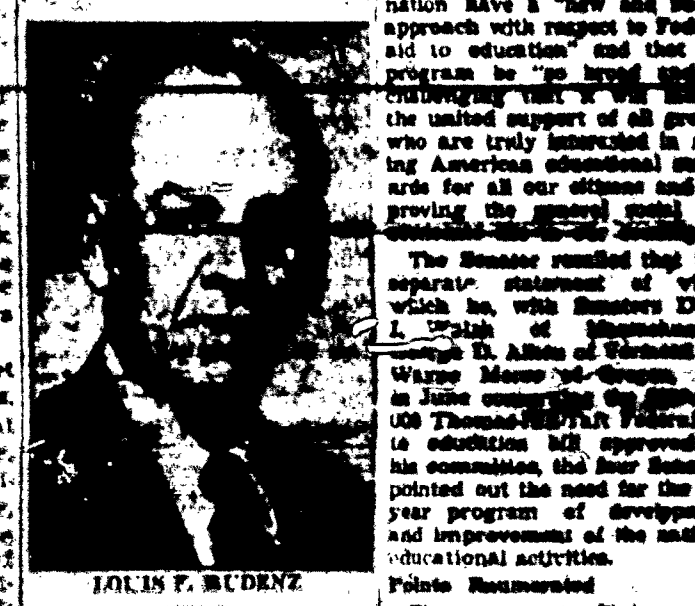
Amsterdam — (NC) — Virtually every inhabitant of the Dutch village of Zegelen in the province of Limburg has some part in the preparations for the Yearly quinquennial performance of the Passion Play, which will take place here this year in a new open-air theater erected on the site destroyed during the war.

There will be a cast of 100, supplied by a children's choir of 194 and a large orchestra. The production is expected to rival that of the famous Passion Play of Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps. Like the German Passion Play, that of Zegelen is also entirely a community venture and no one outside the village is permitted to participate.

## New U. S. School Aid Bill Covers Catholic Pupils

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Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the Communist Daily Worker, whose dramatic return to the Catholic Church a year ago stunned Communist circles, will come to Rochester this fall for a public lecture.

His appearance will be under the auspices of the Courier-Journal, according to the announcement of the Rev. John S. Randall, managing editor.

Budenz's lecture in Rochester is set for Sunday evening, October 13. This date will mark the first anniversary of his break with Communism and his return to the Faith.

He was received back into the Church October 10th of last year at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City by the Rev. Monsignor Fulton J. Sheen. At the same time Monsignor Sheen also received into the Church as converts Budenz's wife and three children.

During the past year Budenz has been teaching at Notre Dame University. This year he will teach at Fordham University in New York City.

## Free Textbooks

The measure provides that administration of the ten-year program be carried out through the U. S. Commissioner of Education with a national advisory council of nine members to be appointed by the President. In order to qualify for funds, the measure provides that the States must live up to specific national standards, which would insure that "laggard States must make more effort than they have in the past" and that "all States must continue to do their share."

The Murray measure would fix a minimum salary of \$1,500 a year for school teachers, place their employment on a merit basis and raise the minimum to \$2,000 after the eighth year; provide free textbooks; insure that school buildings and other equipment be safe and sanitary; require a compulsory school year of 180 days; and set a minimum of 14 and prohibit a number of other developments.