

Leader of House Asks Stand on Religious Rights

Washington (NC)—There can be no permanent peace where religious persecution exists in Communist dominated or controlled countries. Representative John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, House majority leader, declared in a statement to the press here in connection with the U. S. Yugoslav controversy.

"The fundamental question of religious freedom and the free exercise thereof, must be settled before the foundation for future permanent peace can be laid," Mr. McCormack stated, adding that unless this religious question "and the rights of all nations to live without fear of internal interference by some powerful nation, are settled, the foundation of future peace will not be established."

In addition to the information about the "killings of priests and nuns," the Congressman said, "I also had reliable information that Tito received and was distributing UNRRA goods and food only to those in Yugoslavia who subscribed or subscribed to his rule."

There is no question but that Tito is inspired or encouraged by the Soviet Union. The arrogance of Tito should bring the whole question to the forefront, whether the Soviet Union is going to continue its policy of arrogance or whether it will meet with other nations on a basis of understanding.

In Europe as well as in Asia, we have seen the policy of the Soviet Union, that of creating confusion or chaos in all matters, not decided favorably to itself, and it is doing so in every country that it can. We cannot, in our own national interest, afford to compromise with such a policy.

The policy of the Soviet Union, injecting itself directly or indirectly into the internal affairs of other countries, must be before smaller nations can be assured of peace and of their territorial security. It is useless to think of peace if the Soviet Union continues its present policy of imperialism and of forcing wherever it can, its ideology upon other nations.

The Yugoslav situation, if properly capitalized, presents the opportunity for the United States, and other countries who stand for human rights, to bring up the whole subject for solution.

Carmelite Head Killed; Visitor Here in July



Very Rev. Peter Thomas, O.C.D.

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass for three Discalced Carmelites, one the world leader of the order, who visited Rochester only a month ago, was offered Saturday, Aug. 31, 1944 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cathedral, Oklahoma City, Okla., by Bishop Eugene J. McGuinness, Coadjutor of Oklahoma City, and Tulsa.

The priests, Very Rev. Peter Thomas, O.C.D., Superior General of the Discalced Carmelites, and the Rev. Battista Poel, his secretary, were fatally injured in a head-on auto collision near Shamrock, Tex. Tuesday, Aug. 27.

With them at the wheel of the car was the Very Rev. Josefa Cantavella, O.C.D., Provincial of the Oklahoma Province of Discalced Carmelites, who was instantly killed in the crash.

Father Battista and the Carmelite General were taken to a hospital in Shamrock. Father Stoll remained conscious to the end giving absolution to the other two priests.

The driver of the other car, Cono Marino of Providence, R. I., also died immediately. The other passengers of the second car were the Rev. Mr. Antonio Mancini, the driver's brother, minister of the Italian Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, N. Y., and the minister's wife and three-year-old son. All three suffered injuries. The accident occurred on the curve of a hill and was attributed to glaring headlights.

Father Peter Thomas flew to the United States with his secretary two months ago to conduct a canonical visitation to all the Discalced Carmelite houses in this country. One of the first stops on his journey was at the Carmelite monastery in Rochester where he conferred with Mother Ignatius and the 17 nuns under her supervision.

The tragic accident cut short a tour which was to have extended into Canada and Mexico and possibly as far as India. Preparations are being made to fly the bodies of Father Stoll and his secretary to Rome for burial.

The Order of Discalced Carmelites has some 24,500 members throughout the world, 20,000 nuns and 4,500 priests and Brothers. There are 33 houses of the community's nuns in the United States with around 630 Sisters, and 14 houses of men Religious with about 200 members.

POPE RECEIVES CWV COMMANDER

Rome — (Radio, NC) — Pope Pius XII has received in audience Max H. Sorenson of Philadelphia, national commander of the Catholic War Veterans, who is making a tour of Europe.

Expressing his interest in the aims of the organization, the Holy Father bestowed his blessing upon its members and their families at the audience, which took place at the Papal summer residence in Castelgandolfo.

Mr. Sorenson's stay in Rome was also marked by the installation of the first CWV post on the Continent. It had been organized by Lieut. Peter Natale of Hoboken, N. J., who was previously active in forming a Holy Name Society among American servicemen stationed in Rome.

The CWV officials also paid a visit to the American military cemetery for those who died in the battles of Anzio beach head. Mr. Sorenson was deeply impressed by the excellent conditions in which he found the resting place of American war heroes.

Honorary membership was given to Mr. Sorenson and Mr. Reilly by the National Association of Italian War Veterans, an organization whose members opposed Italian fascism under Mussolini and are equally opposed to red fascism today.

Evidence Conference Speakers Announced

New Orleans — (NC) — Speakers for the meeting of the National Catholic Evidence Conference, to be held in Cincinnati, September 13, 14 and 15, have been announced by Albert A. Levy, New Orleans, national president.

Among them are Dr. John G. Bowen, assistant executive secretary of the National Council of Catholic Men; Msgr. John J. Russell, pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Washington, D. C., and the Rev. Edward F. Murphy, S.J., author and a member of the faculty of Xavier University, New Orleans.

Reds Bar Selves Says Cuba Cardinal

Havana — (NC) — "The Church calls all peoples to her bosom. The exclusion of the communists is not a withholding of welcome. It is an exclusion imposed by communism itself," declared His Eminence Manuel Cardinal Arteaga y Betancourt, Archbishop of Havana, in his first pastoral letter since his elevation to the cardinalate.

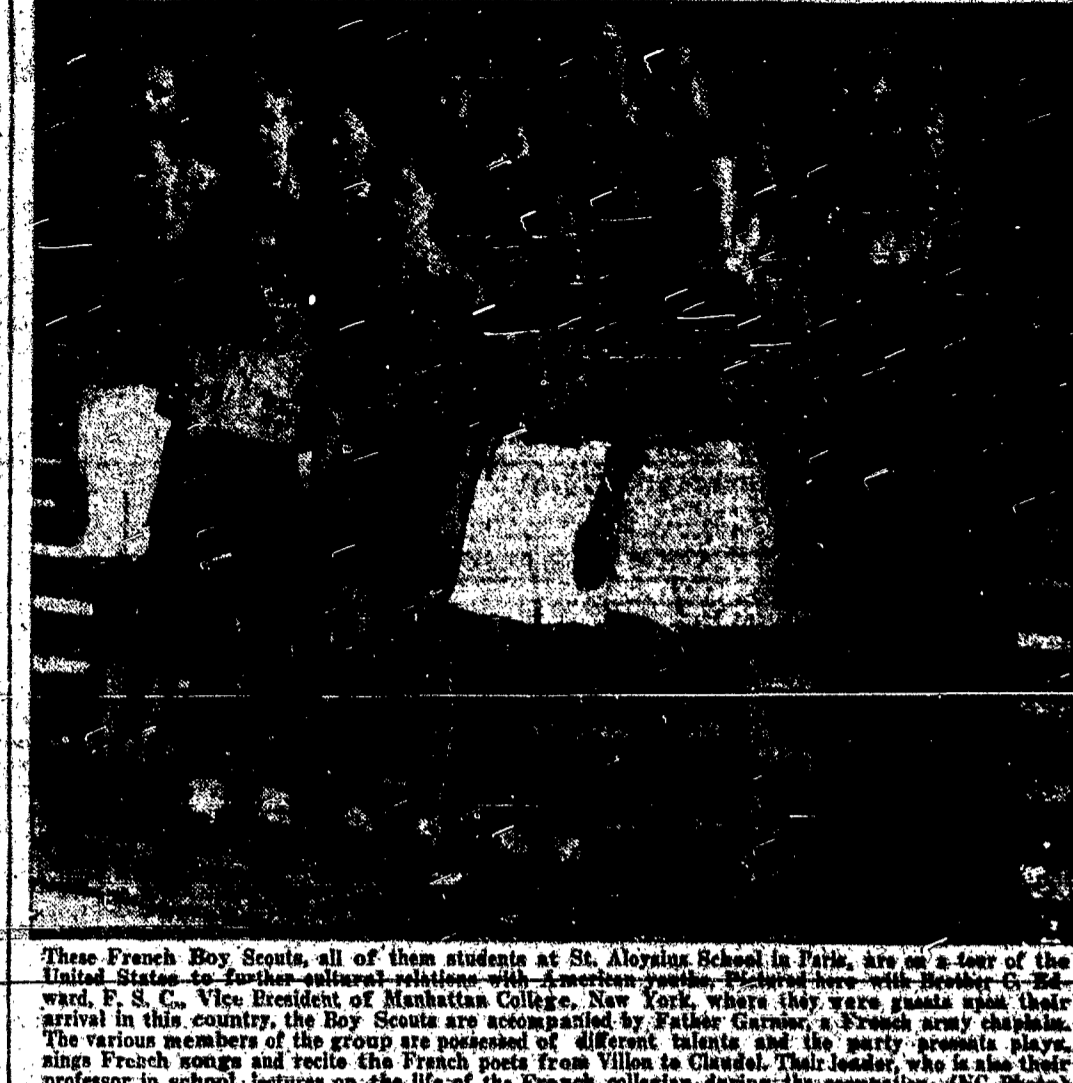
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These French Boy Scouts, all of them students at St. Aloysius School in Paris, are on a tour of the United States to further cultural relations with American youth. Pictured here with Mother Superior, F. S. C., Vice President of Manhattan College, New York, where they were guests, their arrival in this country. The Boy Scouts are accompanied by Father Gardner, a French army chaplain. The various members of the group are possessed of different talents and the party presents plays, sings French songs and recites the French poets from Villon to Claudel. Their leader, who is also their professor in school, lectures on the life of the French collegians during the occupation. (NC Times)

Reds and Fellow Travelers Hold Sway At Prague Meet, U.S. Delegates Report

(The authors of the following report are representatives of the college and university section of the National Catholic Youth Council, two of the four Catholic student representatives in the German American delegation to the World Student Congress at Prague. Mr. Briefs is a graduate student at Georgetown University, Mr. McLaughlin a graduate student at the University of Notre Dame.)

By HENRY W. BRIEFS and MARTIN M. McLAUGHLIN

Prague — (NC) — The ceremony at the opening of the World Student Congress gave us a good clue to the complexion of many of the delegates from five Soviet countries represented here.

Prime Minister Klement Gottwald of Czechoslovakia delivered the inaugural address on the theme: eliminate fascism to insure the survival and safety of democracy. When the Republican Spain delegate spoke from the platform, almost the entire meeting rose to its feet.

A telegram of congratulations from Marshal Tito, read to the Congress, produced the same result. And when Orest Shitsov, the chairman of the Soviet delegation, rose to speak, the Yugoslav delegation of 20 started an ovation by a mass rising to their feet. The United States and British delegates received no such response.

It was interesting to note that in the introductory speeches every one of the protagonists of the Left had a specific two-or three-point program to advance, but the delegates representing the western idea of democracy spoke only vaguely and occupied themselves with words of thanks to the Czechs for the convention arrangements.

In a preliminary meeting of the American delegation which the question of criticizing Russo-Hungarian trade relations as an indication of opposition to Soviet imperialism was brought up, Les Marsh, of the American Youth for Democracy, offered to "have someone from the Czech Foreign Office come in" and translate some Russian documents on the matter. The translators turned out to be Russian delegates, a man and a young woman.

They translated vigorously out of a Russian newspaper for a while. In the course of subsequent debate a Catholic delegate asked the name of the paper. It was Pravda. The Catholic delegate smiled and suggested that perhaps Pravda had juggled

Hungary Clergy Used Restraint Toward Red Primate Tells Premier

Budapest — (Radio, NC) — Replying to the appeal of Hungarian Prime Minister Ferenc Nagy that Hungarian Catholics cease their attacks on Russia and the Red Army, the Government's appeal to the clergy was received by the Primate of Hungary, Cardinal Mindszenty, with a written appeal to the Primate. The Primate, who has written that the clergy in that country have exercised "great restraint" in the face of serious grievances incident to the Soviet occupation.

The appeal was received with considerable surprise, the Cardinal explained, occasioned first by the manner in which the appeal was presented: in the past, except during the fascist regime, he stated, if the Government had anything to say to the Hungarian Church it addressed itself to the Hierarchy. There was surprise because of the manner in which the appeal was presented.

Continuing the letter, the Primate stated that the clergy in Hungary had the right to remain silent, but that the Government had no right to demand that the clergy should speak on its behalf. He stated that the clergy would continue to exercise their right of silence, but that they would not be silent on the subject of the Government's appeal to the clergy.

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Rochester Priest At Writer's Funeral

Rome — (Radio, NC) — A Solemn Funeral Mass was offered in the American Church of Santa Susanna for the repose of the soul of Courtney Savage of Chicago, who died here suddenly on August 22.

Mr. Savage, a widely-known writer for the theater, films, radio, magazines and newspapers, had gone to Europe as a correspondent for the N. C. W. C. News Service and also to gather material for articles on the overseas activities of War Relief Services—N. C. W. C. Among the clergy in attendance was the Rev. Richard K. Burns of Rochester, N. Y., attached to the Congregation of Oriental Rites at the Vatican.

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