

Hierarchy of Poland Wants Catholics in Nation's Parliament

FOR A GOOD REASON

Warsaw — (APNS) — Regent Marshal Pilsudski's successor in the Polish parliament was demanded in a statement adopted by the Polish hierarchy of a two-day conference at Czestochowa.

The statement, which is regarded as an official declaration of Church policy, is being withheld until the opening of the election campaign. It was signed by August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland; Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow; forty-two bishops, and four papal administrators.

"Under the present system," the bishops said, "Polish Catholics have no opportunity to attempt to introduce Catholic social principles into public life. It is an urgent matter that Catholics be guaranteed freedom to introduce these principles, if public life is to be healed. For this purpose, Catholics have the right to demand their own representation in parliament."

The bishops protested against the disintegration of the Polish Christian Labor Party — "the party of churchgoing people" — which they charged was brought about through a government-engineered split created by Communist agents and the party's failure to give genuine guarantees that would protect Catholic ideology and principles.

"This opinion cannot be changed by the fact that some priests, unconscious of the results of their action, joined the new party," the bishops asserted, "implying that if a real Catholic party was permitted to be formed it would receive the support of the hierarchy."

The bishops indicated that their demand for Catholic representation in parliament is part of a counter-offensive against Communist infiltration of the Church.

Polish Secret Police Watch At Pilgrimage

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Warsaw — (APNS) — Under the watchful eyes of the secret police, 700,000 Poles from all parts of the country joined in a pilgrimage to Czestochowa to witness the solemn dedication of Poland to the Virgin Mary.

Climaxing one of the most impressive religious demonstrations ever held in Poland, the dedication took place at the miraculous shrine of the Blessed Virgin in the famous monastery of Janna Gora in the presence of forty-two bishops, including August Cardinal Hlond, Primate of Poland, and Adam Cardinal Sapieha, Archbishop of Cracow.

"The overflow attendance at the shrine was seen both as a manifestation of Catholic piety and as a protest by the Polish faithful against the Communist-controlled government which has been waging increasing war against the Church, due largely to Cardinal Hlond's refusal to recognize the new Warsaw regime."

Arrests Made

Protecting the government's attitude toward the mass pilgrimage was the order not to place extra trains at the disposal of pilgrims, despite a protest by Cardinal Hlond, and false charges by secret police at the Polish and European hotels in Czestochowa where they arrested middle-class pilgrims who had left their offices and factories without securing travel permits from their employers.

In addition, large numbers of secret police were ordered to circulate among the pilgrims in an effort to ferret out the identity of Catholic Action leaders.

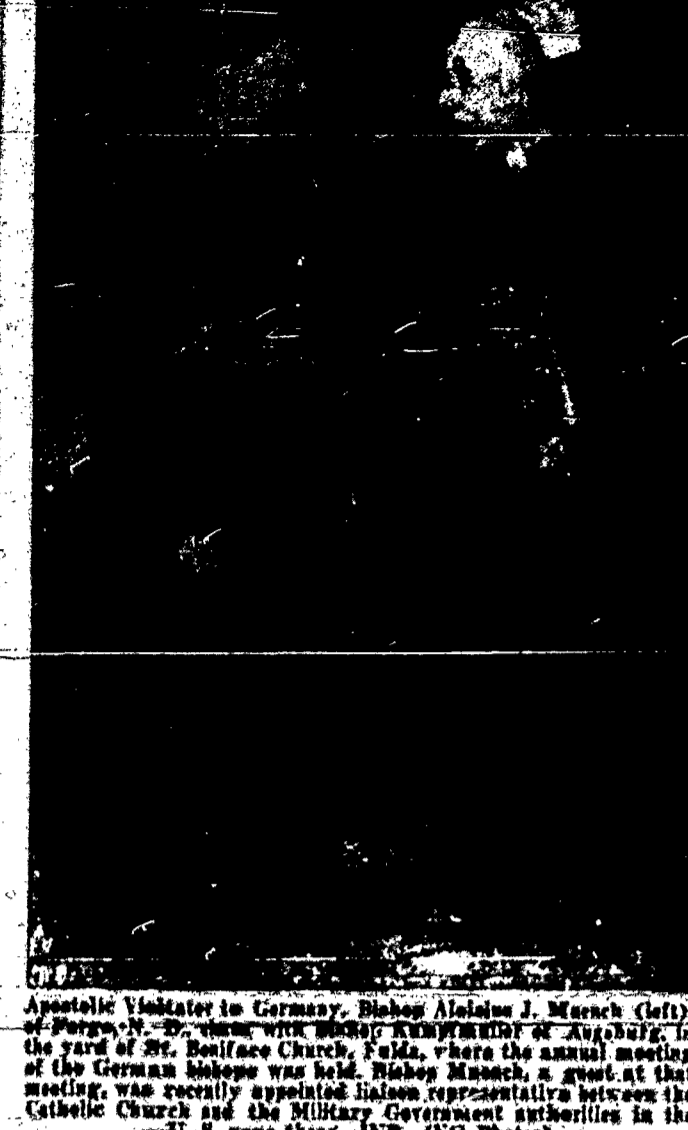
At the close of the pilgrimage, the Polish cardinals and bishops held a conference, reportedly to present a national letter to the government, which is especially difficult at present. It is expected that the national letter will discuss such matters as the recent threat by President Bialut to dissolve Communist and Catholic propaganda.

Catholic Action Groups

Despite rigid police surveillance and the lack of adequate travel facilities, which caused many to ride in cattle cars and trucks, or to walk in caravans along the roads, the pilgrims poured into Czestochowa in a steady stream. Many groups, led by their local pastors, carried banners and candles and sang hymns to the Virgin as they walked. At night they slept in the open or in hallways of alleys.

Representatives of many Catholic Action, student and other religious organizations and clubs were unable to take part in the pilgrimage officially, but were present "privately." They included a group of Catholic girls who are carrying on activities in universities without being registered as members of any organization.

BISHOP MUENCH IN GERMANY



Apostolic Visitor to Germany, Bishop Aloisius J. Muench (left), of Pittsburgh, is seen with Bishop Franziskus von Hellwig, in the yard of St. Boniface Church, Fulda, where the annual meeting of the German bishops was held. Bishop Muench, a guest at that meeting, was recently appointed liaison representative between the Catholic Church and the Military Government authorities in the U. S. zone there. (AP Photos)

Jesuits Name Belgian Priest As New General

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Rome — (APNS) — The very Rev. John Baptist Janjens, 57-year-old Provincial for northern Belgium, was elected General of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), world's largest ecclesiastical organization, at a general congregational here attended by delegates representing provinces in 33 countries.

Succeeding Father Vladimir Ledochowky, of Poland, who died in 1942, the new General becomes the 27th to head the Jesuit Order.

The new General is the fourth Belgian to head the Jesuit society, the last Belgian General being Father Peter Beeks, who ruled the order from 1874 to 1886.

Previous superiors have included eleven Italians, five Spaniards, two Germans, two Poles, and one each of Czech, Dutch, and Swiss nationality.

A native of Malines, Belgium, where he was born December 22, 1885, Father Janjens is an austere, energetic man, who speaks Flemish, French, German, Italian and Latin fluently. He was noted for his skill during the war in substituting General agents seeking to uncover Jesuit underground resistance activities.

At one time he worked in Istanbul among White Russians who escaped from the Bolshevik revolution and learned to speak some Russian. In addition to gaining a passable knowledge of English and Spanish.

Entering the Society of Jesus in 1907 as a novice in Troncheennes, Father Janjens enrolled in the Jesuit College of Theology and Philosophy in Louvain two years later, and from 1911 to 1914 studied civil law in the University of Louvain. During the next three years he taught classical studies in the Jesuit College in Antwerp and was ordained in 1919, completing his studies in theology a year later.

Climax of Father Janjens' election was the formal ceremony of preaching, during which electors placed the hand of their new superior, and the chanting of the Te Deum in the chapel of the General House, dedicated to St. Francis Borgia.

Evidence Guild Meets

Cincinnati — (APNS) — A message from His Holiness Pope Pius XII extending "special" Apostolic Benediction to officers and members of the Catholic Evidence Guild was read as the Guild opened its 14th annual meeting at the Hotel Metropole here under the patronage of Archbishop John T. McNicholas, Archbishop of Cincinnati.

Of Greek Rite



Most Rev. Daniel Francho, pastor of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church, Cleveland, who has been appointed Coadjutor of the Pittsburgh Diocese of the Greek Rite. He will be consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral, Pittsburgh, on November 1, by Bishop Constantine Belcher of the Ukrainian Greek Rite, Diocese of Falls Church. The new Coadjutor will assist Bishop Basil Tschak of Pittsburgh in the administration of his See which embraces all Greek Catholics of the Russian, Hungarian (Magyar) and Croatian nationalities in the United States. (AP Photos)

Mohawk Indians Given Role In St. Ignace Jogues Rites

Albany — (APNS) — Virtually every metropolitan in the United States will participate in the observance of the martyrdom of St. Ignace Jogues, Jesuit missionary to the Indians, who was killed by Mohawks here in 1636. The first observance of the feast of the martyr will be in Albany.

Observing three special observances in the Albany area, where St. Ignace Jogues' tomb was centered, Bishop William A. Scully, Coadjutor of Albany, will come to the National Shrine of North American Martyrs here on September 23 to witness the honors paid by St. Ignace's Indians.

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DOCTORS CERTIFY LOURDES CURES

Paris — (APNS) — The miraculous cures of two pilgrims at Lourdes have been authenticated by the Bureau of Medical Authentication here, after a thorough examination by numerous doctors.

A young woman of Lirjogget, near Trun, France, who had lost the use of her left arm in an accident in 1940, was cured, on August 12, 1941, when she emerged from the waters of the Grotto at Lourdes.

The 40 doctors who examined her at the Medical Bureau of Lourdes had requested a year's delay before giving a verdict on the cure. They declared unambiguously that the cure was complete and that it could not have been effected through natural means.

The doctors also stated that Camille Coraxat of Montpellier, who had suffered from poliomyelitis of the legs resulting from lead poisoning, had been granted a complete cure. Mr. Coraxat had been declared totally disabled.

Thirteen other seemingly miraculous cures were reported during the last pilgrimage. However, no official declaration will be given until a year's delay has passed.

Bp. Haas Cites Catholic Stand on Racial Issues

Detroit — (APNS) — In Catholic thinking, except for purposes of classification, there is no such thing as race, minority or other-wise, Bishop Francis J. Haas of Grand Rapids declared in an address before the Testimonial to the Colored Missions in St. Bonaventure Monastery here.

With respect to Catholics and race matters, Bishop Haas said: "It would seem appropriate on this occasion to take up two questions. The first is 'What is the Catholic position regarding Negroes?' and the second, 'What does that position require Catholics to do?'"

Bishop Haas said that the idea of minority groups is directly in conflict with the concept of unity in Christ and is essentially pagan. He also concluded that Catholic thinking there can be no such thing as isolationism, political or racial. The virtues which the obligations rest that men as equals have toward one another, Bishop Haas said, is charity, the mother of justice.

Bishop Haas asserted that the question of what his position requires Catholics to do, goes without saying that it means not merely belief but a resort to action. There is need, Bishop Haas said, for many more conferences on the racial problem in the Church and besides organized action, there is an urgent need for individual action by Catholics.

"Unfortunately," the prelate declared, "the number of Catholics is all too low who make it a matter of conscience to be fair and just and charitable to Negroes the same as to their other fellow citizens. Nevertheless there are such Catholics, both men and women, and some who have even immunized themselves against the difficulties and 'razing' of shallow friends and acquaintances. They are the salt of the earth."

Can't Do Business With Stalin, Say Young Prelates

Cleveland — (APNS) — Two young prelates who were fellow students at college agreed that you can't do business with Stalin.

They are Bishop-elect Daniel Francho of the Pittsburgh Greek Rite Diocese, at present pastor of St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church here, and Abbot Theodore Kojls of St. Andrew Abbey here. At 33 Bishop Francho is believed to be the youngest Greek Catholic Bishop in the world, while Abbot Kojls, who is 37, is said to be the youngest Abbot in the United States. Two prelates attended classes together at St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill.

"The Reds are trying to bring shame to the Church by sending their emissaries into Red-dominated countries in the garb of priests and bishops," Bishop Francho charged.

"Abbot Kojls called Stalin a master opportunist. 'If a man has no principles — and Stalin has no principles — he is bound to be an arch-opportunist. Hitler was an opportunist in the extreme, but I don't think Stalin can be outdone. He's hiding advantage wherever he can.'"

ALLIANCE GIVEN AWARD

New Orleans — (APNS) — David Lillenthal, chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority, is the recipient of this year's award of the Catholic Committee of the South in recognition for his employment of science toward a moral end and the use of natural resources for the welfare and betterment of living conditions in a vast section of the South.

CHICAGO TENTATIVE PLANS

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