

Force U.S. Communist Party to Register as Red Unit is Demand

Washington—(NC)—A demand that the Communist party "as an agent of a foreign power be forced by law to reveal its membership, funds, and activities," is contained in a 40 page document entitled "Communist Infiltration in the United States," just published by the United States Chamber of Commerce.

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For his outstanding contribution to the cause of interracial justice the 1946 James J. H. Award has been granted to Charles E. Hawkins, president of the Catholic Interracial Council of Detroit.

Spanish Cardinal Succumbs at 74

Granada—(NC, Radio)—His Eminence Agustin Cardinal Parrado y Garcia, Archbishop of Granada, died here of pulmonary cancer.

The 74-year-old ranking prelate of the Spanish Cardinal created in the Consistorio last February had been ill for some time. He received Holy Communion a few moments before his death from his Auxiliary Bishop, Msgr. Manuel Hurtado.

When Cardinal Parrado realized today that he was dying, he turned to those around him and said: "I am giving thanks to God for the peace which He has granted me. I have no pain and I am perfectly tranquil. Let us pray together so that God may grant me final peace and perseverance."

Cardinal Parrado was born at Fuentes de Saldana on October 5, 1872, and ordained in 1895. He served as professor, later as rector, of the Valladolid seminary, and also as chancellor of the dioceses of Astorga and Salamanca. Later he became dean of the theological faculty of the University of Salamanca.

In 1925 he was elected Bishop of Palencia, and nine years later he was promoted to the archiepiscopal see of Granada. After the Spanish Civil War he assumed the duties of Apostolic Administrator of the dioceses of Jaen, Guadix and Almeria in addition to his tasks as Archbishop of Granada.

The Cardinal directed the Provincial Council of Granada, the first great ecclesiastical Council held in Spain following the enactment of the Code of Canon Law.

Jesuit Martyrs' Church Dug Up

Washington, Ont.—(NC)—W. W. Jury, curator of the Museum of Indian Archeology of the University of Western Ontario, has discovered the ruins of a 500 year old church established by St. Jean Brebeuf, early Jesuit martyr.

It was in this village that St. Jean Brebeuf and St. Gabriel Lalumiere were held to the stocks by the Iroquois in 1642, and tortured and burned until they died.

The church ruins indicate a building, 60 feet wide and 90 feet long. The church had been built in the winter of 1648-49 and was one of several missions set up among the Hurons by the Jesuit missionaries.

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Protestants' Support of Mercy Deaths Flayed

Yonkers—(RNS)—Voluntary euthanasia, recently endorsed by a group of leading Protestant clergymen, was denounced here as "legalized suicide" by Msgr. Robert E. McCormick, presiding judge of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Catholic Archdiocese of New York.

Speaking before Catholic lawyers who attended the annual votive Mass of the Holy Ghost, Msgr. McCormick said he believed that a pending bill to legalize voluntary euthanasia would not be passed by the state legislature.

Msgr. McCormick described as "false prophecies" the Protestant churchmen who approved "painless death" in certain cases. Mercy killings, the Protestant leaders contended in an announcement released by the Euthanasia Society of America, Inc., "should not be regarded as contrary to the teachings of Christ or to the principles of Christianity" in instances where persons are "suffering from incurable, painful, and lingering illnesses and who desire such a death."

Questions Minister's Support "How many ministers of the Protestant Christian denominations can support legalized voluntary euthanasia?" Msgr. McCormick declared "in comprehension, because it is definitely against the natural law, the innate moral code, the teachings in the Old Testament of the Jewish law and the teachings of Christ."

"That suicide and murder are against the very law of nature is evident from the fact that God, who created the human being, gave him a highly developed nervous system which instinctively acts immediately to ward off or escape any danger to life," he said.

If voluntary euthanasia is permitted, Msgr. McCormick said, its proponents would "try to bring about legalized involuntary euthanasia for imbeciles and the hopelessly insane, who are not capable of petitioning for voluntary euthanasia, and perhaps habitual criminals, as one supporter of this theory has suggested."

The document also charges communist influence in the U. S. State and Labor Departments. While refusing to mention names, Mr. Matthews stated at a press conference that the committee's information was based on "reliable authorities."

Infiltration Charged "Communists have striven successfully to infiltrate the American labor movement," the brochure charges. "Organized labor, when captured, is to them a source of funds, a propaganda outlet, a means for stirring discontent from without by internal sabotage. Controlled unions contribute heavily to the various party fronts and causes. They in turn serve as fronts for diverse propaganda schemes."

The committee's findings also reveal "great skill and pressure" on the part of communists to bring under red control the molders of public opinion, especially radio commentators. "One of the most prominent communist front groups has established a quiet monitoring service," the document relates. "Broadcasts are combed to detect any tendency towards a so-called anti-Soviet line. If such is found a spontaneous letter-writing campaign commences, with letters to the sponsor, the station, and the commentator. The effectiveness of this has been demonstrated in more than one case."

"On the positive side, such molders of opinion are flooded with free literature, digests, and the like. One noted columnist and commentator finds that the employing of a communist research assistant pays off in the form of inside information, advance tips, and the like, from party members and their followers in government."

"To meet the menace of communism," the report makes the following proposals: "Since Communism thrives up on deceit, exposure of the facts would be a potent counter weapon. We propose more fact-gathering, competent, impartial, and patriotic. Both private groups and the government have a responsibility here."

"In the labor field, communism thrives primarily through organization and discipline. Labor unions and non-economic groups not directly interested in labor relations and capital, should encourage labor education. This would give the non-communist majority the training needed to fight their disciplined opponents."

Even 'Judas' Spurned Nazi Party at Oberammergau

Munich—(RNS)—Reports spread for some time in the secular press which conveyed the idea that most, if not all, the former members of the cast of the Oberammergau Passion Play had been Nazis, are now being denied without reservation. Neither the member of the cast who portrayed Judas nor those who presented the parts of the Jews, including Jesus, ever were members of the Nazi party.

It is not true that the late Anton Lang, widely known in the United States as the great portrayal of Christ, had ever joined the Nazi party. However, his successor, Alois Lang, became a member in 1937 and there were others among the 500 members of the cast who took out membership. But these remain the exception to the rule.

Oberammergau was widely accredited under the Nazis as "black village" which did not even have an Adolf Hitler Shrine—a rarity, indeed, in Nazi Germany. Of the 2,000 inhabitants of Oberammergau only about 120 were nominal members of the party. The total cast of the Passion numbers about 1,500. Oberammergau was surrendered to American troops last year without any fighting.

If the Passion Play could not be presented last year or this year, it was due entirely to the prohibition of communitarianism, which forbids the playing of religious plays of any kind during the war, and many others who had taken part in former performances have grown too old. All these difficulties will probably prevent any performance of the Passion Play before 1948.

DETROIT DEBATES RELEASED TIME

Detroit—(RNS)—Differences of opinion within the constituent body will be aired before any public discussion of released-time religious education in the public schools is sponsored by the Detroit Council of Churches.

It was decided at a meeting of the council's executive committee here. The action was taken after the Rev. David Witte, director of the week-day religious education program of the council's department of religious education, said he and professor Alfred McClung Lee, of Wayne University, a council director opposed to a released-time program, had set up a tentative "public hearing" on the question for Sunday, Nov. 17.

One of the speakers scheduled to debate for released-time week-day religious education, he said, is Owen Hall, lawyer for the defense in the unsuccessful Campaign 11, trial to abolish the system there, who also will be the defense lawyer in an appeal next month.

The Rev. J. Perry Prather, minister of the First Church of the Brethren and vice president of the council, also advocated a "public hearing" on the question of released-time.

"Here is tremendous opposition from outside the council," he said, "spread by Dr. Lee. What we have to do is to have an enlightened public. This is the only major city in America that does not have a program of week-day religious education."

Baltic Appeal Goes to Truman

Chicago—(NC)—An appeal to President Harry S. Truman to do everything within your power in order that sovereignty and freedom of the peace-loving and liberty-loving Christian peoples of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia be restored in conformity with the principles enunciated by the United States during the war, has been made by the Lithuanian Roman Catholic Priests League of America.

The appeal states "there can be no peace, unless the United States strives to fulfill the wartime promises of the Four Freedoms and assumes a moral leadership." The appeal complains bitterly that Lithuania is isolated behind the "iron curtain" and that the "continuing Russian occupation and terror evoking the armed resistance of the oppressed people, endangers world peace and this country's security in this one indivisible world—which is half free and half slave today."

VERDICT SCORED IN VATICAN PRESS

Vatican City—(Radio, NC)—The trial of Archbishop Alojzys Stepinac of Zagreb, ending with the "abominable condemnation" to 15 years of forced labor, was a "disgraceful affair," but far more for those who brought about the trial than for those who had to submit to it, wrote Observatore Romano in a long editorial comment on the proceedings in the Croat capital.

Characterizing the proceedings as a political trial, the weekly, "tyranny surrounded itself with the symbols of justice," where the sentence is sealed "before the curtain rises on the comedy, often tragic, always grotesque," and "where the caricature of justice smacks at the same time of satire and of mockery," Observatore writes.

"A whole people was moved and united in its unique protest and only hope: the people prayed with the reaction prompted by a faith that has been wounded by the manifest injustice (comes) their indelible faith in the country's liberty and independence."

"Attachments and aspirations are also inseparable in Croatia, just as the first Christian centuries nourished them, and patriotism and religion flourished together. The trial of the Catholic Church, of Archbishop Stepinac was also the trial of the Croat people, who have been identified exclusively with the overthrown regime."

"But Croatia was, and indeed still is, the first affection of its faithful sons, who would not bow in their freedom of conscience to the overthrow, totalitarianism and are also opposed to the new totalitarianism, because both are contrary to Christian civilization as known and professed in true Christian liberty."

Archbishop Stepinac was the symbol of this opposition as well as an "active symbol of an unyielding rectitude," Observatore continues.

Catholics in Congress Show Liberal Vote Record

Nashville, N. C.—(NC)—Where do Catholic legislators stand on national issues? The North Carolina Catholic, newly inaugurated weekly of the Diocese of Raleigh and the North Carolina Catholic Laymen's Association, has indicated the answer to that question through a survey of the voting records of the ten Catholic Senators and 79 Catholic Representatives in the 79th Congress.

"In making this survey we have used a series of designations made by the New Republic, a publication which tends toward the far left," the North Carolina Catholic states, adding that they have allowed The New Republic's verdict on whether a vote is "liberal" or not to stand. In the Senate, 14 important issues were chosen as examples. In the House, 15 issues.

Wisconsin Bus Support Urged Upon Catholics

Milwaukee—(RNS)—The school bus referendum, to be voted on November 5 in Wisconsin, became a growing issue here as Catholics were urged to vote "yes" on the question and Protestant groups scheduled public meetings against the proposal.

The measure, known as the Gettleman-Hilker proposal, would amend the state constitution to provide state-financed bus transportation for children attending parochial and private schools. It passed the 1943 and 1945 state legislatures.

The Catholic Herald-Citizen, official Milwaukee archdiocesan organ, told its readers editorially to vote for the bus transportation referendum as a health and safety measure, like fire police and health protection, already afforded all school children.

In another editorial entitled, "Don't Miss the Bus!" the Marquette Tribune, Marquette university weekly here, declared there was "injustice" in the present system.

Formation of a state-wide committee of Catholic laymen to promote votes for the amendment was urged.

Wisconsin's Catholic Council of Churches, which has a membership of more than 200,000 in Wisconsin, was urging Protestant groups to act against it.

Poles Crowd Shrine City

New York—(NC)—A great manifestation of religious fervor was witnessed in Poland when one million faithful gathered in the shrine city of Czestochowa, which before the war had a population of some 112,000, to participate in the consecration of the entire nation to Our Lady and to her Immaculate Heart, according to a Polish newspaper report received at headquarters of War Relief Service-National Catholic Welfare Conference here.

According to priests in the shrine city it was the largest crowd that had gathered there within memory. Foreign correspondents also noted that they had never before witnessed such enormous crowds of pilgrims and confessed that they felt the tremendous impact of faith born of the collective prayers of the faithful.

The Polish paper pointed out that huge crowds of Catholics, coming from every part of Poland, including Bialystok in the west, Lodz in the east, Gdynia in the north and Cracow in the south, came without the slightest propaganda appeal or pressure. The faithful went to Czestochowa following their own impulse and despite a lack of transportation facilities and the obstacles placed in the path of those who tried to get accommodations.

CARDINAL AND LAYMEN

His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, in an earnest word with labor leaders, expressed an annual conviction of the American Federation of Labor, Chicago, Cardinal Griffin gave the invocation in the presence of Mr. Green, in the opening address to the convention, stressing the sacredness, constitution, maintenance and all that are essential to our form of government. Photo by Roy Shoup, Chicago Tribune.

Cardinal Griffin Asks UN Charter Revision

London—(Cable, NC)—The substance of the United Nations charter was pointed out by His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, in a broadcast message to the United Nations.

It is surely a common-sense statement, he declared, adding that "we must recognize that the UN Charter is not a perfect instrument and we must seek to obtain amendments wherever there is a hope of cooperation for world peace or of effectively carrying out the decisions of the General Assembly."

Giving examples of the charter's deficiencies, he stated: "Many nations whose presence would contribute in no small measure towards its success are at present excluded from the organization. I think most of us are rightly depressed by the failure of the council to meet here to reach agreement. We had hoped by this time that the peace treaty would have been put into operation."

"We had also hoped for some satisfactory program on the future of Germany. What can we have we had? A meeting of nations which has been anything but united."

The Cardinal charged that "fortunately the United Nations organization has been used to attempt to cover up gaps of agreement and to bring about a manner of spreading their own ulterior programs."

While not doubting the good intentions of the authors of the charter, Cardinal Griffin made a few suggestions, which, he said, might be helpful. "First of all," he pointed out, "God has been left out of the charter. I don't see how it can be anything but a failure unless we now as a united body of nations give power to Him. The right place for Him would be in the preamble, but we cannot do this without Him we can do nothing."

Radio Mass for Shrine. Baltimore News—(NC)—A series of Sunday Masses, Masses for the sick and for the dying, will be celebrated every Sunday in the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa through the efforts of the First Friday Club of Baltimore. During the broadcasts the Mass is read in English from the Latin Mass. It is made clear by the program that Catholics should fulfill their obligations of assisting at Sunday Mass by listening to the service.

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