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Reich Vote Shows Trend To Right

Berlin — (NC) — Elections recently held in the British and French zones of occupation in Germany have confirmed the impression that the majority of the German people are averse to all radicalism and thoroughly out of sympathy with any form of government that might remind them of the defunct Nazi regime.

In the British zone of occupation the Christian Democratic party obtained nearly 6.9 million, the moderate socialists 4.2 million, the independent groups 2.7 million votes. The communist vote was insignificant. In the French zone, the Christian Democrats polled 1.2 million, the moderate socialists about half a million and the communists only some 180,000 votes. Independent candidates received a total of 827,849 votes.

Municipal elections in the Russian zone, too, are now completed. The communist-sponsored "Socialist Union Party" turned out to be the winner because it enjoyed Soviet backing and was the only one in a position to campaign unopposed. In view of this it is reasonable to think that the other parties mustered as much as nearly 60 per cent of all the ballots cast. The Christian Democrats alone pulling some 15 per cent of the total vote.

In Thuringia, which had been a stronghold of socialist and communist before Hitler, the moderate parties gained the support of nearly half a million voters as against two million who subscribed to communist high-pressure electioneering.

Observers are cautious in concluding that Germany is by no means on the road to communism. If the German people are given an opportunity to express themselves freely they will not hesitate to voice their preference for democratic as against totalitarian methods of government.

Funds for Oriental Students Aid



Miss Helen Mary Hauman, Fraternity Mission Unit president of Nazareth College presents a \$400 check to Bishop Kearney representing voluntary offerings of student body for Oriental Chinese student's maintenance at the college. Miss Mildred Ukelevicz, vice president and Miss Kay Culler, president of the College's Undergraduate Association witness the presentation.

MISSION GROUP GIVES \$400 FOR CHINA STUDENT

A check of \$400 for the support of a Chinese student at Nazareth College has been presented to His Excellency, Bishop Kearney by the college's Fraternity Mission Unit.

The unit, which promotes mission activities through a program of prayer work and study, has established a permanent fund for the maintenance of an Oriental student. The \$400 check represents the voluntary offerings of the student body which numbers about 400 at the present time.

The Chinese student is one of two who were provided a scholarship to the Bohemian Institution under a plan initiated in response to an appeal from Thomas Cardinal Tien of China for assistance in training Catholic lay leaders for his country.

The girl was delayed in getting passage to the United States but will come to Nazareth in late October, it was announced.

Among its large student body, the College now counts two Chinese, two Cubans, two Negroes and one Puerto Rican.

College Mission Unit to Hold Family Field Day

"Let's Get Acquainted" is the theme for a Field Day to be held Tuesday, October 22, on the Nazareth College campus. Parents and friends are welcome to attend the opening attraction, a baseball game between the faculty and students, at 4 p. m.

U. S. Sub Given Papal Plaque

Portsmouth, N.H. — (NC) — At the commissioning of the U.S.S. Nautilus, last of the war submarines to be built at the Portsmouth Navy Yard, Rear Admiral John H. Brown Jr., commandant of the Portsmouth Naval Base, presented a plaque to the ship which had been blessed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII.

The plaque, bearing the likeness of St. Christopher, was sent from Europe by Mrs. Tom St. Charles, wife of the United States attorney general, who sponsored the submarine when it was launched on Nov. 29.

Polen Make Pilgrimage To British Shrine

London — (NC) — Marching behind red and white flags of Poland, 500 Polish army soldiers and civilians, joined by British agents, marched in Norwich on a pilgrimage to the famous medieval British shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham.

The group in the march carried the defeated standard of Poland's former 30th Air Squadron, whose members fought along the P.A.F. lines in banking back Germany's vaunted bomber squadrons during the Battle of Britain in 1940. The services of the pilgrimage were conducted by Fr. Michael, vicar general to the Rev. Joseph Gwilt, ordinary of the Polish archdiocese.

Leftist Victory Seen in Chile

Santiago, Chile — (NC) — When the Chilean National Congress meets on October 25 it is likely to choose the leftist-supported Gabriel Gonzalez Videla as new President of Chile, but the elections early this month in which Gonzalez Videla won a plurality but not a majority are felt here to have helped strengthen the Christian Democratic movement.

Gonzalez Videla, candidate of the Radical Party, the Communist Party and other leftist elements, obtained 104,650 votes in the presidential election. Eduardo Cruz-Coke, backed by the Conservative Party, the National Falange (Christian-Democrat group, not connected with the Spanish Falange), and some independent parties, received 141,670 votes. The other two candidates received an aggregate of 141,000 votes. The National Congress now must choose between the two men with the highest totals with the center parties, led by the Congress, expected to give Gonzalez Videla enough support to assure him the presidency.

Cathedral on Block

Juneau — (NC) — News of cancellation of the Russian Orthodox cathedral and expansion at St. Mark, Alaska, to satisfy a federal court order for the highest improvement taxes was received here, as an indication of the pinch caused by Soviet default.

Inish Hierarchy Asks Prayers for Europe

Dublin — (RNS) — Nationwide prayers for lasting peace and for "persecuted" Roman Catholics in Eastern Europe were urged by the Archbishop and bishops of Eire at a conference in Maynooth College, County Kildare, under the chairmanship of the Most Rev. John Francis Dwyer, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All-Ireland.

The appeal asked the Irish clergy and people to pray "that God may grant to all nations the blessing of a just peace and the deliverance of all Catholics in Eastern Europe and elsewhere from persecutions inflicted on them because they reject atheistic Communism and remain true to the faith of Jesus Christ."

Weddings In Corning

Seelye - Ruocco
 Corning — The marriage of Miss Josephine C. Seelye, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. In L. Seelye of Corning, and Philip V. Ruocco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ruocco, 129 Water St., took place Saturday, Oct. 12, in St. Mary's Church. The Rev. John J. Ruocco performed the ceremony.

Attending the couple were Miss Ann Bowling of Corning, daughter of Mrs. Mary Voith Bath, Belmont, and James J. Ruocco, brother of the bride, and Joseph B. Ruocco of Corning, brother of the bride.

A reception was held at the first and Sun Club, Bath, following the ceremony. Later Mr. and Mrs. Ruocco left for a short trip.

The bride is a graduate of Hawthorn High School, Bath, and has been employed at the Engine-Shell Company. In addition, she is a member of the St. Mary's Parochial School and Corning Area Academy. She is an employee of Corning Glass Works.

Charles J. Ruocco, son of Mrs. Mary Voith Bath, Belmont, and James J. Ruocco, brother of the bride, and Joseph B. Ruocco of Corning, brother of the bride.

Japan Ready For Faith

Japan is ready for conversion, writes Father Charles A. Robinson, S. J. (above), former chaplain on the USS Missouri, and now teaching English language at Sophia University, Tokyo, where 1,000 students have registered. He also teaches a course in Bible knowledge to the grade students at a new Catholic high school there. Before entering the service he taught Chinese in Japanese at St. Louis University, (NC) Chicago.

Austrian Bishops Scan Plan, For Return of Property

Vienna — (RNS) — Measures to bring about restitution of church property seized during the Nazi regime were among topics discussed by the Catholic hierarchy of Austria at a conference convened at Salzburg under the chairmanship of Theodore Cardinal Innitzer, Archbishop of Vienna.

Other main subjects discussed were plans for spiritual care of Austrians in foreign countries and for material aid to needy Austrians with large families. The bishops also debated means to combat conditions of postwar immorality in Austria.

It was announced that the bishops will shortly issue a joint statement on the formation of a school program acceptable to Catholic parents.

The conference also recommended that the Austrian government be approached with a view to proclaiming the church feasts of the Epiphany, the Immaculate Conception, and St. Peter and Paul's Day as public holidays.

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