

# UNRRA 'Food Bribe' to Force DPs Back to Poland Laid to LaGuardia

London—A great many persons in Britain, including many non-Catholics, are indignant at the insulting title of "Operation Carrot" officially bestowed by UNRRA upon the new attempt to persuade exiled Poles to return home by offering them two months' supply of canned food.

The plan, sponsored by the British, French and United States military governments, and its title are described in Free Europe, London, monthly review, as an "intolerable insult."

"If it is thought likely that the promise of two months' food might induce these hundreds of thousands to alter the decision for which they have already suffered so much for so long, then that is only an indictment of those responsible for the displaced persons' camps for not feeding them properly," it writes. "But in fact it is not at all likely that however hungry, they will be persuaded to go to live under the N.K.V.D. (Soviet secret police) by being called donkeys."

### Resolution Cited

"UNRRA's desire is to secure repatriation by any means what ever, however ignoble, short of physical force. It is with dismay that we read Section (c) of Resolution No. 99 passed by the UNRRA Council in Geneva: '(1) That the Administration shall remove all UNRRA personnel who discourage repatriation; (2) That the Administration shall admit to displaced persons camps only such voluntary agency personnel as undertake not to discourage repatriation, and shall remove such personnel if they are found to discourage repatriation.'"

"To say almost anything that is true about the present regime in Poland, the Ukraine, the Baltic States or Yugoslavia is to 'discourage repatriation.'"

In like manner, the Tablet, London Catholic weekly, writes: "We appeal across the Atlantic to Cardinal Spellman and all the great Catholic electorate of New York City to inform themselves closely about these policies of UNRRA, for which a New York public figure, ex-Mayor La Guardia, is held responsible."

Marriage Ban Raised  
A new step by UNRRA authorities in the British zone of Germany—and described by the Tablet as "more intolerable than any"—has been published. It is a statement which declares: "It is a fact that many marriages among displaced persons are taking place without the permission of the competent authorities. This is contrary to the law. All displaced persons wishing to marry must write for permission to the UNRRA office at Herford, Westphalia, the state seat. There it will be considered 'in consultation' with the emissaries of the Warsaw regime."

Polish Students Questioned  
Applications for enrollment by Polish students at German universities in the British zone have similarly been handed over by UNRRA to Warsaw government representatives, the Tablet reports. These envoys declared all applications invalid and insisted that applications must be made to the address of the applicant's family in Poland and the reason why the applicant wished to continue his studies in Germany instead of going home to Poland for them.



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## REDS CONTROL KINDERGARTENS

Berlin (NC) —aping Nazi methods, the Soviet administration in the Russian-occupied zone of Germany has issued instructions whereby kindergartens and similar institutions now operated under religious auspices are to be transformed into non-sectarian, state-controlled organizations.

Existing institutions which are managed by either Catholic or Protestant groups, and all those under private management, will have to report to a central office in Berlin, completely dominated by the communists, which is to decide about the employment of teachers and other personnel for private and religious institutions. It will also determine the curriculum.

### Card. Stritch's Silver Jubilee as Bishop Set

Chicago (NC) —The silver jubilee of the consecration of His Eminence Samuel Cardinal Stritch, Archbishop of Chicago, will be celebrated at Holy Name Cathedral here on November 19 at a Mass offered by the Cardinal. Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield, Illinois, will deliver the sermon, and the Cathedral Choralists and the St. Mary of the Lake Seminary Choir will sing.

### Board Denies Plea For Released Time

Burlingame (RNS) —A plea for released-time for religious training of elementary school students was denied here by the Board of Trustees of the Burlingame Elementary School District.

## Church Seen As Bulwark of Civilization

Savannah (NC) —The Catholic Church was pictured as "the great stabilizing influence and the mighty bulwark around which the world must cling in the current threat to Christian civilization," by Justice Matthew McGuire of the United States District Court of the District of Columbia, in an address delivered to the members of the Catholic Laymen's Association of Georgia, at its thirty-first annual convention here.

Justice McGuire's address, came at the concluding session of the convention, at which Msgr. Joseph E. Moylan, Vicar General of the Diocese of Savannah-Atlanta, gave a summary of the convention proceedings, and offered counsel and advice to the members in regard to the future activity of the association.

Bishop Gerald P. O'Hara of Savannah-Atlanta, now in Rome on a mission for the Holy See, sent his greetings to the convention, and wrote that when he approached His Holiness Pope Plus XII to ask the Pope Blessing for the Laymen's Association, the Holy Father "was only too eager to give a token of his benevolence and gratitude to a group that has been so faithful and so loyal to the Church in fair weather and foul."

More than 400 delegates, from all sections of Georgia, attended the convention of the Laymen's Association, which was established in 1916 for the purpose of combating anti-Catholic prejudice in Georgia.

## Church Under New Hungry Attacks

Budapest (Radio, NC) —Rebutting a new bitter attack on the Church by the Communist Journal Free People, the official Catholic news agency, Hungarian Courier, emphasizes that the State, if it really stands on the basis of private property, should recompense the Church, which has been deprived of her possessions, in accordance with established laws and not with piltances.

The Catholic Courier cites the instance of six Catholic high schools who received 60 gold pengos as "support" from the State.

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## HAT FOR DUTCH CARDINAL



His Holiness Pope Plus XII, left, conferred the Red Hat upon His Eminence Cardinal De Jong, Archbishop of Utrecht, Holland, at a ceremony held recently at Castel Gandolfo, the Papal summer residence outside of Rome. The Netherlands Cardinal was one of the 22 prelates named to the Sacred College last December, but until recent days was prevented by illness from coming to Rome. His hat was presented to him at Utrecht last spring by Archbishop Paolo Gibbe, Papal Nuncio to Holland. (A.C.N.C. Photo)

## Minesweeper Turns Supply Ship for Arctic Missions

Montreal (NC) —The Oblate missionaries of the Far North, who have been isolated and dependent on airplanes dropping food to them since the sinking of their supply ship "M. E. Therese" in August, 1944, will have a new vessel next spring.

This was announced by Bishop Marie-Lacroix, O.M.I. vicar Apostolic of the Hudson Bay area, who has returned here after a 10-month stay in the missions of his vicariate. He said that a 600-ton mine sweeper, which was under construction at the time war ended, has been bought and is now being outfitted for its peace task.

## ESTONIANS GET PRIEST'S AID

Miami (NC) —The Rev. James D. Loeffler, S.J., professor at Fairfield College, Fairfield, Conn., has emerged as one of the leading figures in the successful fight to win a haven in this country for the 48 Estonian refugees who escaped from the Russian occupation of their homeland.

A previous ruling by the United States Justice Department had threatened extradition of the Lutheran outcasts to seek refuge in this country.

## Prelate Blames Religious Study Lack for Evils

Chapel Hill (NC) — The charge that "education without moral training" is "responsible for all the evils in the world today," was repeated by Archbishop John A. Neenan, O.P., of Cincinnati in a lecture on "Some matters of serious import" to the priests of his archdiocese.

Stressing that "Catholics are the true friends of our public schools," the Archbishop pointed out that the sincerity of their friendship makes them search out and study the defects of our common school system.

"First teachers, school boards, State departments of Education, school foundations, and legislators of State and Federal governments have not the God-given authority of parents in the education of children. All school agencies act for and in the name of and by the authority of parents, and are obliged to consider and respect the wish and conscience of parents and to follow their pleas and requests in so far as they do not oppose the public good of the community."

## Mary's Education Issues

"Second, there is the fundamental issue in every phase of education. The tremendous number of youthful applicants must be distributed to schools that do not yet exist."

During his recent visit to the Far Northern missions, Bishop Lacroix granted in all the shanty shacks of the Eskimo's food of caribou and seal in the igloo.

## Magr. Knox, Waugh Awards Reviewed

New York (NC) —Presentation of the Catholic Literary Award to Magr. Ronald Knox for his English translation of the New Testament, in 1944, and to Evelyn Waugh for "Brideshead Revisited," in 1945, was one of the topics of discussion at the first meeting since before the war of the board of governors of the Gallery of Living Catholic Authors, held in the rooms of the Catholic Book Club here.

## 85 Years A Pastor

Chicago (NC) — Fifty-five years of service in one parish were noted here by Mrs. Thomas J. Bohal, of E.S. 62-11 and Methodist Church. Mrs. Bohal founded the parish in Chicago's stockyards district.

## PRIESTS MEAT THOSE FACING

Vatican City (Radio, NC) — The Roman Curia, under the direction of the Secretary of State, is preparing a decree which will restrict the number of priests who will be allowed to remain in the country in the event of a general evacuation of the clergy.

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## BAVARIA VOTES MANY JAPANESE CHURCH SCHOOLS WAIT BAPTISM

Munich (NC) —Provisions requiring that schools be denominational in character, that religious instruction be part of the curriculum in all schools, and that the religious doctrine of every individual be respected are contained in the new Constitution adopted by the Bavarian Constitutional Assembly here.

The new constitution, which was prepared by the assembly with the close understanding that the United States Military Government would countenance no separatist activity in the establishment of the future German Government, was adopted by a vote of 239 to 74.

Another feature of the constitution is its leaning toward secularization. The right to reply elective power vests directly with the electors. There also are specific provisions against the creation of religious institutions and against the establishment of religious institutions.

## Essential of Protestant Youth

Washington (NC) —The essential of Protestant youth in the United States is the Christian faith, according to the report of the study on Protestant youth in the United States conducted by the National Council on Protestant Youth.

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