

U.S. Bishop Brands Transfer Of Germans 'Crime of Age'

John N.D. (NC) — The mass migration of millions of people is "the greatest crime of the age," Bishop Aloisius J. Ruffini of Fargo, N.D., has declared in a letter to the German Government and the U.S. Military Government, written in his monthly letter, "The Mass Migration of Germans," appearing in the current issue of Catholic Action News.

The expulsion of people from their homeland has caused "unfathomable anguish," the bishop writes, "and is giving rise especially to the suffering of the children of families who have been separated and have lost each other in their wanderings."

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Ends Strikes

Rev. Leo C. Brown, S. J., director of St. Louis University's Institute of Social Studies, has in recent months called two of the most important strikes in that city's history to a close.

The strike of the St. Louis University faculty, which had lasted for 100 days, was brought to an end by the 100-day strike of the St. Louis University faculty.

German State Bans Parochial Schools by Law

By MAX JORDAN, Frankfurt, Germany (NC) — Ignoring the clearly expressed will of the majority of the people, who in various referendums voted overwhelmingly in favor of parochial schools, the State of Württemberg-Baden, in the American zone of occupation of Germany, has drafted a constitution which denies the right of parents to have their children educated in parochial schools.

The law is in direct contrast to the action taken by the State of Greater Hesse who have now constitutionally safeguarded these parental rights by permitting the continuation of parochial schools.

The opposition against parochial schools in Württemberg-Baden came chiefly from the socialists. This is strangely at variance with the position taken by their fellow-Social Democrats in Bavaria who have raised no objection to the principle of parochial schools being solemnly confirmed in the new State constitution and have agreed to make religious instruction part of all school curricula.

Confessional Schools Favored To realize the discrepancy between the will of the people and the provisions of the Württemberg-Baden constitution, one must remember that wherever the people in this region were asked to express their preference they have cast votes, overwhelmingly in favor of parochial schools.

In the Rottenburg Diocese, for instance, 838 out of a total of 828 municipalities voted 100 per cent in favor of such schools, 187 voted at least 95 per cent in their favor, while the lowest percentage was 63 per cent in favor. In the city of Stuttgart 95 per cent of the voters were in favor of parochial schools, in Ulm 96 per cent and in Heilbronn 92 per cent.

Both Catholics and Protestants in Greater Hesse and Württemberg-Baden are becoming alarmed by a trend, now gaining momentum, which shows hostility toward Christian education in public schools.

In all three States of the American zone the fundamental laws adopted by the constitutional assemblies will be submitted to popular referendum. In Württemberg-Baden on November 24, in Greater Hesse and Bavaria on December 1.

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Plight Facing GI Juniors Deplored by Fr. Calkins

New York (NC) — An abiding concern for GI Juniors — "the kids born too late to fight in this recent war" and since they're not veterans, they're practically barred from everything open to the GI — was expressed today by the Rev. Hugh Calkins, of the Service Fathers, in a radio chat on the Faith in Our Time program.

He estimated that there are 5,000,000 GI Juniors in the nation, ranging from 15 to 18 in age, and that 2,000,000 of them are "stopped cold" by the walls of adult indifference.

Two million of them, he estimated, are in the hands of the State, and now have to get back into the world. He said that the State is not doing enough to help them.

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HUMAN RITES STRESSED ON TITO

Washington (NC) — The United States Government will continue, with such means as are at its disposal, its endeavors to impress upon the Yugoslav Government its obligation to adhere to the basic humanitarian principles of conduct to which, particularly by its participation in the United Nations, it has subscribed.

This assurance was given Mrs. Henry Mannix, president of the National Council of Catholic Women, by the State Department in response to a request made by the N. C. W. for the United States intervention in behalf of Archbishop Alojzije Stepinac, of Zagreb, after he had been convicted and sentenced to 16 years imprisonment by a Yugoslav court.

The State Department said that in view of the status of Yugoslavia as a sovereign State, the possibilities of direct and effective intervention by the United States are limited.

In its initial communication to the State Department, the N. C. W., through Mrs. Mannix, expressed the belief that Archbishop Stepinac is innocent of the charges made against him, and that his trial was a "travesty" which had shocked the Christian world.

Nazi, Facing Gallows Saw Hand of God

Nuremberg (NC) — A declaration that the utter collapse of the Nazi regime constituted a sentence of divine justice against Hitler and his system for being anti-God is contained in a public statement made by Hans Frank, former Nazi governor of Poland, before his execution.

The Nazi official, who had become a convert to the Catholic faith while in prison, told the Rev. Sixtus O'Connor, U. S. Army chaplain and Franciscan priest of the Holy Name Province in New York before going to the gallows, that he offered his life in atonement for his sins.

"We (the Nazis) did not imagine at the time of our rise that we were going to die," Frank said, "and I am sure that God and His consequences are that inevitably we would have been crushed by the hand of God."

"I implore my people that it should not continue in this direction, not even one step, for Hitler's way was the way without God, the road away from Christ, and in the final outcome the road of political stupidity, of disaster and death."

Misery on a Grand Scale

In the cities and towns of Germany today, there are babies who are born into a world of squalor and disease. There are young boys who are born through their last agonizing hours of slow starvation. There are young men and women falling exhausted after only a few days of work, and others wandering about aimlessly no longer caring for their own needs.

WHAT CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT?

Millions of German people are unable to help themselves, since they do not have what they need even for a bare existence. It is necessary to provide them with food, clothing and medicines in large quantities until they are self-maintaining.

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St. Bernard's Alumnus Urges Religion in Public Schools

New York (NC) — The urgency of formulating a basic text for use in public schools which "would escape the charge of sectarianism" and instruct in the self-evident religious truths set out in the Declaration of Independence, was stressed by Mr. T. James McNamara, Superintendent of Schools in the Savannah Diocese, Sunday on the Catholic Hour program.

Mr. McNamara is an alumnus of St. Bernard's Seminary in Rochester, N. Y. "Today we are a people," Mr. McNamara said, "challenged by a political system which is the negation of our religious beliefs."

He said that the religious beliefs of the American people are based on the principles of the Declaration of Independence and its unique championing of human dignity, human liberty and human freedom.

No Nazis at Montecassino During Attack, Abbot Says

London (NC) — The Abbot of Montecassino Abbey, the great Italian Benedictine abbey destroyed by Allied bombardment, in a letter to The Tablet, states categorically "that no Germans were inside the monastery before or during the bombardment of February 15, 1944."

"It is today generally known," Abbot Bede, N. C. S. C., said, "that after February 15, when the monks abandoned the abbey that had by then been destroyed, Germans entered it and concealed themselves among its ruins."

"It is thus explained why, when the Allies entered Montecassino on May 23, 1944, they found buried under the walls of the cloisters the bodies of four Germans killed in the second half of March; that is to say after the second bombardment of March 13, 1944."

Bishops Probe Religious Study

Freiburg, Switzerland (NC) — Religious education and guidance of youth and the restoration of seized Church property were the favorite questions discussed by the Austrian Bishops at their conference in Salzburg, according to Kipa, Swiss Catholic news service.

Recognizing that there is still a long road ahead until the Church in Austria has regained real freedom, the Bishops agreed to have been particularly concerned over the grave moral deterioration of Austria's youth as a consequence of the pagan Nazi teachings.

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NO PEACE: Our Lady of the Holy Land, the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima in the Holy Land, has been destroyed by the Jordanians.

DO NOT FORGET: We are not alone in our struggle. We are joined by the millions of other Christians who are suffering in the Near East.

WHAT AN HONOR! Sister Annunziata, of the Holy Family Sisters at Jerusalem, writes a beautiful letter to the Holy Family Society.

Send all communications to: Catholic Near East Welfare Association, 480 Lexington Ave., at 48th St., New York 17, N. Y.