

## Holy Land Christians Need Aid from Outside

Huntington, Ind.—(NC)—The Christian minority has kept alive in Palestine because it had the protection of an external mandatory power, Mgr. Thomas J. McMahon, national secretary of the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, has written in an article in *The Priest*, monthly for the Catholic clergy published here.

"In other parts of the Near East, whence this external protection has been withdrawn, the present plight of Christians is not encouraging," he asserts. "This does not mean we should bring back the mandates, but it does thrust a special responsibility on the Big Powers to see to it that the rights of this minority, deepened in the groove of history, are not stamped out in the interests of expansion or of that precious flowing gold of the Near East, oil."

"We fear that this is the real reason which will ultimately decide the fate of Palestine unfortunately, but there is no harm in suggesting a Big Power protection to keep Christ in His homeland," Mgr. McMahon adds.

### Ches Propaganda

In his article, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association leader analyzes the Palestine situation: the partition plan setting aside a "state or enclave of the Holy Places," the projected Jewish State, the Moslem State, and the compromise Arab-Jewish State, and shows each of them to be unsatisfactory from the Christian point of view.

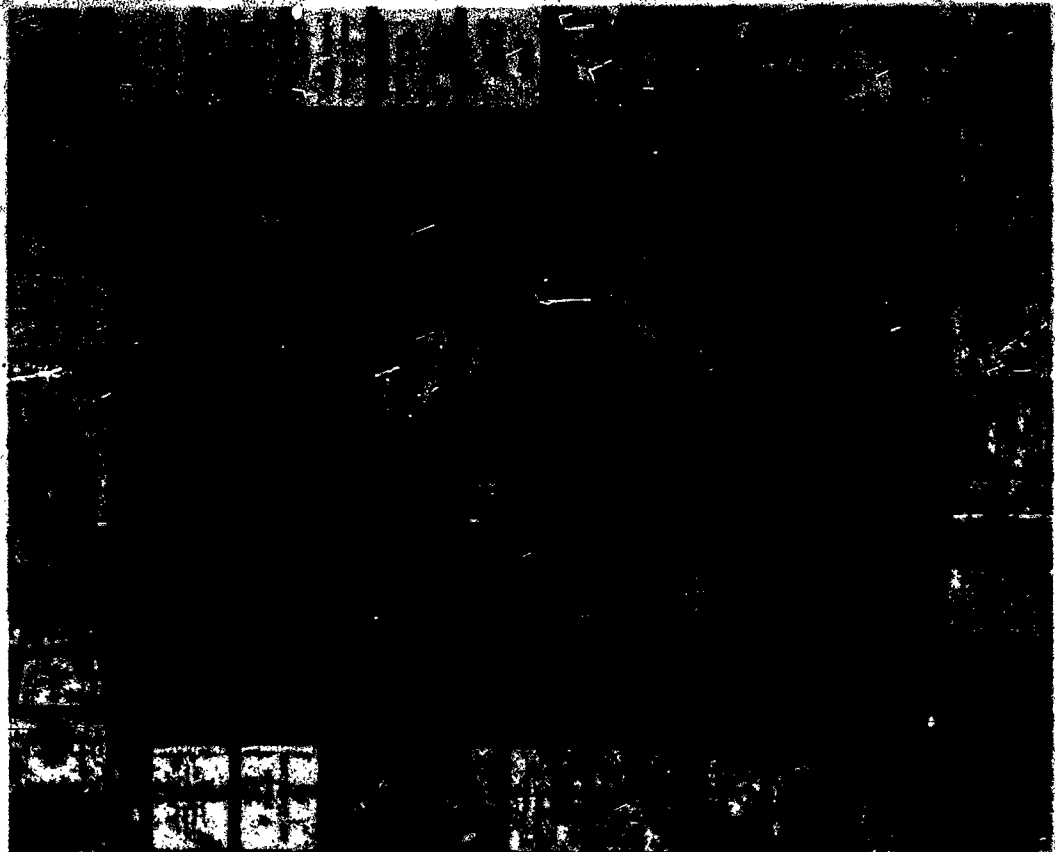
"With all the institutes of information and propaganda in the United States," he writes, "one pressing the Arab cause, the other urging the Jewish Zionist State, with the flood of literature

### House of Lords Catholic Dies at 79

London—(NC)—Lord Russell of Kilowen, brilliant British lawyer and champion of Catholic causes in the House of Lords, has died at the age of 79. He had retired last year after 16 years of service as Lord Justice of Appeal.

Son of a Lord Chief Justice of England, Lord Russell was born at Kilowen, County Down, Eire. He is particularly remembered for winning a sensational legal dispute in 1919 concerning bequests for Masses, which had been taken to the House of Lords. Acting as counsel for Cardinal Bourne, then Archbishop of Westminster, he secured the ruling that bequests for Masses for the dead are valid under British law and are not as hitherto considered, "superstitious uses."

## In Behalf of Interracial Justice



A few of the students of Marygrove College, Detroit, interested in sociology who have sponsored in a new area of activity on behalf of interracial justice with the production of a booklet entitled "The Negro and Economic Justice." The short film strip which approaches the problem of interracial equality from the economic angle, was written and produced by the students for the Catholic Interracial Council of Detroit under the guidance of Sister M. Christina, I. H. M. of the Marygrove faculty, and Arthur I. Dreese of the Council. (Michigan Catholic photo, (NC Photo))

## Even Communists Hate Red Rule, Fugitive Envoy Says

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ity toward everything foreign. On the other hand, Soviet agents abroad conduct a fervent propaganda in favor of the Soviet system, and disseminate false information about flourishing conditions of life in the land in which Socialism has been achieved; thus, they try to win the sympathy of the democratic nations, essential to the Soviet regime.

"During my sojourn abroad I have realized the monstrosity of the lies spread in the Soviet Union about the beastly exploitation of workers in the capitalist countries. Such stories are told the Russian people for the purpose of arousing their indignation against the democratic regime of the U.S.A.

"All my life I have loyally worked for the Russian people whom I love, and to whom my attachment is very deep. But it has become clear to me that my work like that of the whole Russian people, is beneficial to the Soviet regime, and not to themselves.

"No nation is more exploited or rather enslaved than the Soviet nation. According to Soviet propaganda, workers' strikes are brutally suppressed in the U.S., while in the Soviet Union nothing of this kind can happen. In reality the American worker strikes to protest against the existing conditions and to obtain higher wages. Soviet Worker Haunted

"But he is not faced with the gruesome problem of saving his children from starvation—a problem that has haunted the Soviet worker since the inception of the Soviet regime. It is true that strikes hardly ever occur in the USSR, but the reason is that the least protest entails cruel suppression by the NKVD (the Russian secret police).

"In spite of this workers driven to despair sometimes, though very rarely, risk a strike. Before the war, I witnessed a strike at the Krasnoarsk copper mining in which workers stayed away from work, exhausted by the 'Stakhanovite' sweating methods. For a whole month they had received no bread (their staple food, since nothing else could be obtained), and with wages miserably as they were could not afford to buy bread on the market.

"But the plant did not stop work. Prisoners were promptly brought from concentration camps, and the strikers were

## DR. HAYES GETS HISTORY PRIZE

New York—(NC)—First award of the John Gilmory Shea prize and election of officers featured the annual luncheon conference of the American Catholic Historical Association here in the Hotel Pennsylvania.

The prize of \$200 was presented to Dr. Carlton J. H. Hayes, celebrated educator, for his work, "War-time Allusion in Spain," an account of his service as U. S. Ambassador to Spain in the trying 1912-15 period, for which he was commended highly by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The presentation was made by Mgr. John Keating, C.S.B., rector of the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, in Washington, who is treasurer of the association.

The John Gilmory Shea award was instituted to commemorate the silver jubilee of the association and was named for the celebrated historian of the Catholic Church of a half century ago. Based on the verdict of a committee of three members of the association, the award is made for the best book dealing with a Catholic historical subject or for an outstanding work by a Catholic historian on a secular theme.

mines, and dead bodies of children abandoned by their desperate mothers who had not had the heart to see them die slowly from starvation.

"As a student I drank and spoke with a fellow student, Kutsenko, a former resident of the Ukraine, the bread basket of Russia, who went through all the horrors of collectivization and avoided starvation only by feeding on dead human bodies. This man was now obliged to extol the Soviet system.

"In 1941, before the war broke out, I was in the Ukrainian town Morozovsk. I visited an engineer, Kremenshugski, who worked in a mechanical plant. He presented to me his 8-year-old son who did not know what sugar was.

"All these things happened at the time when the Communists entered in the victory of 'Socialism,' deceiving the foreign workers and the whole world, and carefully concealing the horrid truth. Everybody shadowed.

"NKVD in homes, NKVD in factories, offices, kolkhozes, sovkhoses. NKVD like an ill-boding ghost shadows everybody everywhere. The elemental human urge to live and keep the family alive compels the Soviet people to resign themselves to this constant horror, and even to work for the NKVD. It was hardly of his own free will that Prof. S. P. Alexandrov (known in America), a prominent expert in metallurgy and former director of the Institute of Non-Ferrous Metals, accepted in 1936 the job of chief engineer of the GULAG (Department of Concentration Camps). Alexandrov has been set free, and is now in the Soviet diplomatic service. I also knew A. Grymko, at that time one of the numerous teachers of 'political literacy.'

"Even men belonging to the closest entourage of the dictator do not feel safe. They are the arbiters of the fate of millions of the Russian people, but they know that their own destiny is at the mercy of the supreme ruler.

"This is why the great majority of the Russian people hate the Soviet regime. And this is why it is hated by the great majority of Communists, even by men closest to the government.

"And this is the reason why I cannot return to my homeland and doom my family which has become accustomed to breathe the fresh air of freedom, to a life under the heel of a dictatorship.

## U.S. Action on German Evictions Draws Fire

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collected in Germany through every means possible.

German civil authorities are known to have pointed out that the housing requirements of the American occupation forces could not be met properly if they were held within reasonable limits, and especially if Americans were permitted—just as the French and the Russians are frequently permitted in their zones—to share larger premises with the Germans.

New Policy Sought

There can be little doubt that all efforts aiming at the "democratization and re-education" of the German people are doomed to failure as long as positive measures continue to be applied on as large a scale as at present, particularly where they affect equally Nazis and non-Nazis, the guilty and the innocent.

Such measures are bound to undo whatever good results were expected from the new occupation policy launched some weeks ago by General Eisenhower. This new policy arose from the recognition that the severing of ties between the German and a "soft" policy for the Germans had to be replaced by a realistic view based on practical experience.

This recognition found expression in the following statement:

Card Spellman Host To Italian Premier

New York—(NC)—Prime Minister Alcide De Gasperi of Italy, who has come to the United States on official business, has been invited to be the guest of honor at a dinner to be given on Sunday evening, Jan. 12, by His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, Archbishop of New York.

## On Guard!

By Rev. Patrick J. Flynn

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to depend upon other sources for gratuitous assistance.

And the weekly wage of the retail employee should be more than merely balance the weekly cost of living. It should be such that Martha Duncan can not only pay for the necessities of life but also put aside some savings. Many retail workers will never have the chance to marry. This means it all the more desirable that Martha Duncan be able to build a nest egg against a rainy day.

The economic plight of our retail workers may be traceable in some degree to the fact that the trade-union movement, the retail business, we repeat, is big business and there is no reason why the girls behind the counters should be considered an underprivileged class in American life.

Unionization is the first step towards economic justice for Martha Duncan. The girls behind the counters should organize for collective action and fight the competition which sees them running five dollars short each week and the possibility of working a bank account.

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Rev. Andrew M. Rogosh, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

### "East Meets West"

The Holy Father's mission intention for January is: "Unity of East and West through Christian principles." Pray specially for this during the Church Unity Octave from January 18 to 26. To all who give a little for the Shrine Chapel of Our Lady of Fatima, which we shall build in the Holy Land, for the conversion of Russia, we send Monsignor Shea's pamphlet, "EAST MEETS WEST."

### CAN YOU ADOPT ONE?

They have lovely, healthy, beautiful babies about 18 months old in Romania. A million and a half Catholics are waiting for the worst.

That is why our Holy Roman Catholic College and Seminary in Rome is so important now. Just as St. Philip Neri greeted the English students of St. Ignace's time, so we will greet the Romanian students of today. "Well, fellows of the mission!"

Since it is impossible to get help from Romania, these students must be supported by us. Here are a few names. Won't you adopt one as your own son in Christ?

John Tautu is two years from the altar. With back expenses, he will need \$600. John Pope will be ordained in a year, but we shall need all of \$800 for him. Ulpie Birlea will be ordained with John next year, and he needs the same amount.

Your own adopted son in Christ, a lover of the martyr. This can be your proud boast.

### ETERNAL FIRE

You can give an eternal light, a sanctuary lamp, burning night and day in the little chapel of Father Kaban at Kaly, near Cairo, Egypt, for twenty dollars. Here is a burning memorial of loved ones living and dead.

### TWO MAGAZINES

Learn more about Eastern Catholicism by subscribing to the EASTERN CHURCHES QUARTERLY or THE AKE. Each costs five dollars yearly.

### JUST A SLAVE?

St. Augustine claimed that his holy mother, St. Monica, became a saint through the example of her slave, an old Christian slave. If we can get this month's thirty more members of our MONICA GUILD, the Near East Aker Society, we can send another set of Mass vestments to a needy missionary. Dress are a dollar monthly.

### THOUSAND THANKS

If you can give a thousand dollars to build a lovely little Near East chapel, you will have daily and fervent a thousand thanks of God's own people. What a monument on Judgment Day!

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

## Texas Baptist Credits St. Christopher Medal

Washington—(NC)—A St. Christopher Medal figured in a prominent and dramatic episode during the opening session of the House of Representatives in the 80th Congress here.

Opening roll call which is a tedious and lengthy process—was in progress. In the rear of the House chamber, Representative John E. Lyle of Texas, was talking with a fellow Texan, Representative Lyndon B. Johnson, who is an alumnus of Georgetown University law school, and comes from Johnson City, Tex. The conversation got around to "good luck" pieces.

Representative Lyle pulled out his key chain and exhibited a St. Christopher Medal, after noting that Representative Johnson had one also. Mr. Lyle recalled that the medal was a gift from Mgr. John J. Lannon, rector of the Corpus Christi Cathedral, in the legislator's home town.

Mr. Lyle related that Monsignor Lannon had given him the medal before he went overseas with the Army in 1943 and added that he had carried it through

bitter fighting in Italy including the battle at Anzio. He said he wouldn't be without it, and put it back in his pocket. Just then a 70-pound telephoto lens came loose from a camera in the gallery above where the two Texans were standing and crashed to the floor. Representative Lyle escaped with only minor bruises and as the embarrassed cameraman rushed down to get the wreckage of the lens, the legislator chided:

"You don't have to get so rough. I'll be glad to pose for a picture for you."

He then remembered the St. Christopher Medal and is convinced it had something to do with his narrow escape. He commented:

"To think that it worked for me, an Irishman and a good Texas Baptist."

Representative Lyle, who is a close friend of Monsignor Lannon and of Bishop Emmanuel B. Ledvina of Corpus Christi, was elected to the House while he was serving with the Army in Italy.