BISHOP DRIVEN FROM REICH SEE

By MAX JORDAN

Basel, Switzerland —(NC)— Bishop Josef Ferche, Auxiliary of Breslau, was expelled by Polish authorities from his diocese last fall and sent in a cattle car to a transient camp of expellees at Brandenburg near Berlin, according to an official report he has submitted to higher Church officials.

It appears that Bishop Ferche had been ordered by the Warsaw Government to leave his See with 24 hours notice on July 15, last year, but the Bishop was not at home when the order was delivered. Quietly he continued to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation in various parishes. Police arrested him on September 19. The trip from Breslau to Brandenburg took two days and three nights.

There are still 30 German priests, both secular and religious, performing their duties at Breslau among some 20,000 Germans who are facing a desperate plight. No German-language sermons are permitted although these people do not understand Polish.

Soccer Balls for Orphans

Rome — (NC) — The applause of 3,000 homeless and orphaned boys from the slum districts of Rome rang out for the charity of American Catholics in the courtyard of the Sacred Heart Institute, here, as Msgr. Andrew P. Landi, of War Relief Services-National Catholic Welfare Conference, presented the boys with a number of soccer balls for their athletic teams.

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Birthday Greetings

For the third birthday of the MONICA GUILD, our Near East Altar Sodality, Father Ruggieri sends greetings: "The desolate Church on the bomb-flattened island of Corfu, its priests and its faithful, will never forget you members." Why not join and give a dollar monthly for vestments? God will be pleased with your gift to His Near East priests.

PITIFUL NEWS FROM CORFU

"Thank our Near East friends for coming to our rescue," writes Father Ruggieri from his suffering little island of Corfu in the Mediterranean. "There is still so much to do."

"As you know, our Bishop died heartbroken at the sight of the ruins caused by the bombs that fell on us. Not a single Christian Brother was left to teach in the schools. The Franciscan Sisters were expelled.

"Only the Maltese Sisters and the Capuchin Fathers have been spared. All the church buildings were bombed out but your gifts for chapels are giving us houses of God again.

"We do need more chapels, and especially sacred articles—chalices, Mass books and other altar furnishings. You have already been very good, but you will understand that we lost everything in the bombings."

Can you give fifty dollars for a chalice, or twenty-five for a Mass book, or even the complete altar furnishings for one hundred and fifty dollars? Perhaps some kind friend will want to build another chapel on poor Corfu for a thousand dollars. Father Ruggieri and his poor will not forget you.

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CANA AGAIN

The feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on February 11 reminds us that Lourdes is only another Cana, where Our Lady still asks Her Son for the wine of His miracles. So we know you won't forget our fund for "ORPHAN'S BREAD" which helps starving little children in orphanages like Bishop Hakim's in Cana of Galilee.

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HOW MANY?

Are any of the three children who saw Our Lady at Fatima still alive? Monsignor Sheen's pamphlet, "EAST MEETS WEST," tells you about them. We send it gratis to all who give a little to build the Shrine Chapel of OUR LADY OF FATIMA in the Holy Land.

WHITE OR RED

Leprosy is white martyrdom, and Father Damien was a white martyr. From our DAMIEN LEPER FUND we help those hundreds of lepers at Shertallly, India, whose other white martyrs, the Sisters of the Destitute, depend wholly on our monthly help. Won't you think of them?

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BIG MONEY

Fifty dollars is big money in the Near East, yet it will purchase the monstrance and censer for Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

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ST. CYRIL'S DAY

On St Cyril's Day, February 9, can you adopt a seminarian in St. Cyril's Seminary at Ghiza, Egypt. It costs six hundred dollars to train a poor boy for the priesthood in the Near East. He is your monument before God.

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BEFORE AND AFTER

We shall gladly send a picture of two Indian girls, as they looked before and after they became American Medical Mission Sisters at Mary Girl India. Your deposit in "MARY'S BANK" helps these dear nuns.

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STILL ASKING

Pictures, costing twenty dollars, are still needed for the little chapels of Bishop Hakim in the Holy Land.

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FEAST OF LIGHTS

On Candlemas Day we make our annual appeal for candles. Twenty dollars will keep a sanctuary lamp lighted like an eternal lamp through the year in a Near East chapel.

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MARTYR, TOO

"Be my Valentine!" is the theme on February 14, but few will also recall that St. Valentine was a martyr for the faith. Ten dollars will give to a Near East chapel the antimension, or linen cloth containing relics of the martyrs, on which the chalice rests during Mass.

Send all communications to

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UN Commission Meets to Frame Bill of Rights for Nations of World

By CATHERINE SCHAEFER

Lake Success — (NC) — One of the most important single tasks in modern times was begun here this week by the Commission on Human Rights of the United Nations Economic and Social Council.

It is generally agreed that not much can be done by the U. N. in the consideration of violations of personal rights and freedoms throughout the world until a formal bill of rights is adopted. The main items on the agenda of this first session of the Commission on Human Rights is the formulation of such a bill of rights. The commission members will also consider ways and means of implementing their bill in the United Nations.

The Charter makes it mandatory for the Economic and Social Council to set up a commission "for the promotion of human rights . . ." The commission consists of 18 ECOSOC-elected states which appointed their representatives. Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, the representative of the United States on the commission, was unanimously elected chairman of the first session.

Items Can Be Offered

These agencies may propose items for the consideration of the Human Rights Commission: UNESCO, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the International Labor Organization. So may the four non-governmental organizations which have thus far been given a consultative status with the Economic and Social Council the World Federation of Trade Unions (of which the CIO is a U. S. affiliate, and which includes the trade unions of Russia); the American Federation of Labor (which is considered an international organization by virtue of the Canadian members in international unions); the International Chamber of Commerce and the International Cooperative Alliance.

The international bill of rights, when completed, will be submitted to the Economic and Social Council, which in turn will submit it to the General Assembly. If accepted there, it will undoubtedly be referred to the individual governments for formal ratification.

The debate in the opening session of the commission have had to do with procedure regarding these unofficial communications, many of which are not proposals but complaints of violations of elementary personal and religious rights by individuals living under a dictatorship or totalitarian regime, some from citizens of member states.

It was decided (a) on the motion of India, seconded by Russia, to consider the present list of petitions from non-governmental organizations having consultative status with the United Nations and to allow commission members to consult the secretariat's file of other petitions, (b) on the suggestion of M. de la House of Belgium, to supply lists of such latter petitions for each session of the commission so that the members might consult the file; (c) at the suggestion of General Romulo, to appoint a subcommittee to study what should be done with the communications. This subcommittee consists of Lebanon, Uruguay and the United Kingdom.

General Romulo protested the motion of the Indian delegate, Mrs. Metah, which was offered and passed early in the session with practically no discussion, on the ground that "reprisals" might be taken against the petitioners if their identity were known.

He urged that the United Nations should guarantee the immunity of the petitioners saying that the motion of the Indian delegate would result in curbing the flow of such communications to the United Nations.

A Declaration of Rights

New York — Here is the complete official text of the Declaration of Rights as drafted by a committee named by the National Catholic Welfare Conference:

Common Principles

God, the Creator of the human race, has charged every man with obligations arising from his personal dignity, from his immortal destiny, and from his relationships as a social being.

These obligations rest in substance on the Creator, in himself, in his family and fellowmen, in the State and in the communities of States. For the fulfillment of these obligations man is endowed with certain natural, inalienable rights. These rights, duties and rights form the substance of the natural moral law which can be known by reason.

Obligations and rights are correlatives. At all times the obligation to respect the rights of others operates against the arbitrary use of rights.

Suitable opportunity to discharge fundamental obligations in the various and separate situations of life is a right which must not be justly denied. For man's use God has provided the basic resources of this world.

The unity of the human race makes God's law binding for geographical distance set by diversity of civilization, culture, and economy, and the adequate use of the world's resources by all peoples is not to be denied because of these factors.

Weakness resulting from constant war impoverishes the governmental organization should not be used as a pretext to neglect the fundamental rights of man or to impede their legitimate exercise.

The order of rights outlined below guarantees through the individual, the family, the State and the community of States.

PART I

The Rights of the Human Person

Preamble

The dignity of man, created in the image of God, obligates him to live in accordance with law imposed by God. Consequently, he is endowed as an individual and as a member of society with rights which are inalienable.

Among these rights are:

(1) The right to life and bodily integrity from the moment of conception, regardless of physical or mental condition, except in just punishment for crime.

(2) The right to serve and worship God in private and in public.

(3) The right to religious formation through education and association.

(4) The right to personal liberty under just law.

(5) The right to the equal protection of just law regardless of sex, nationality, color or creed.

(6) The right to freedom of expression of information and of communication in accordance with truth and justice.

(7) The right to choose and freely to maintain a state of life, married or single, lay or religious.

(8) The right to education suitable for the maintenance and development of man's dignity as a human person.

(9) The right to petition the government for redress of grievances.

(10) The right to a nationality.

(11) The right of access to the means of livelihood, by migration when necessary.

(12) The right of association and peaceable assembly.

(13) The right to work and choose one's occupation.

(14) The right to personal ownership, use and disposal of property subject to the rights of others and to limitations in the interest of the general welfare.

(15) The right to a living wage.

(16) The right to collective bargaining.

(17) The right to minimize by industries and professions to obtain economic justice and the general welfare.

(18) The right to assistance from society, if necessary from the State, in distress of person or family.

PART II

The Rights Pertaining To the Family

Preamble

The family is the natural and fundamental group unit of society and is endowed by the Creator with inalienable rights antecedent to all positive law. The family does not exist for the State, but on the other hand is not independent.

Among these rights are:

(1) The right to marry, to establish a home and beget children.

(2) The right to economic security sufficient for the stability and independence of the family.

(3) The right to the protection of maternity.

(4) The right to educate the children.

(5) The right to maintain, if necessary by public protection and assistance, adequate standards of child welfare within the family circle.

(6) The right to assistance, through community services in the education and care of the children.

(7) The right to housing adapted to the needs and functions of family life.

(8) The right to immunity of the home from search and trespass.

(9) The right to protection against immoral conditions in the community.

PART III

The Domestic Rights of States

Preamble

Political authority is entrusted by God to nations, which are endowed with rights and charged with the obligation of establishing justice, of promoting the general welfare of their citizens and of cooperating with other nations in furthering the universal welfare of mankind.

It is the right of all peoples that are capable of self-government to organize politically and to function as States upon equal terms with other States.

Among these rights are:

(1) The right to enact just laws binding in conscience.

(2) The right to establish courts of justice and to enforce the observance of law with adequate sanctions.

(3) The right to demand of its citizens respect for the rights of minorities.

(4) The right to tax by adequate and equitable means in order to carry out its proper functions.

(5) The right to exercise eminent domain when demanded by the common welfare.

(7) The right to defend itself against domestic violence.

(8) The right to watch over, stimulate, restrain and order the private activities of individuals and groups in the degree that is necessary for the common good.

(9) The right to regulate operations of international economic groups functioning within its own boundaries.

(10) The right to adopt in time of emergency special measures necessary for the common good.

PART IV

The Rights of States in the International Community

Preamble

The human family constitutes an organic unity of a world society.

The States of the world have the right and the duty to associate and to organize in the international community for their common welfare.

The indispensable foundation of all peaceful intercourse among nations and an essential condition of juridical relations among them are common trust and respect for the plighted word. Treaties and agreements must not be considered subject to arbitrary unilateral repudiation.

Every State has certain fundamental rights in the international community.

Among these rights are:

(1) The right to exist as a member of the international community and to be protected in its national life and integrity against acts of aggression by any other State or States.

(2) The right to independence in the determination of its own domestic and foreign policies in accordance with the principles of morality, and subject to the obligations of international law.

(3) The right to juridical equality with other states in the family of nations.

(4) The right to membership in the organized international community and to the benefits of international cooperation.

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POPE HAILS IRISH ZAGREB PROTEST

Dublin — (Cable, NC) — Action by the Eire Dail in its forthright condemnation of the injustice in the trial and imprisonment of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb in Yugoslavia has given His Holiness Pope Pius XII "great joy," a message from the Vatican informed Prime Minister Eamon de Valera.

The message stated that the unanimous action of the Irish legislature in approving the condemnation resolution had pleased the Pope, particularly since the nation "had been moved by the head of the Irish government." The message added that the Holy Father noted with great satisfaction the action of the Dail in appealing for joint international action to secure "adequate protection of the right of men to worship their Creator in a way which He, Himself, ordained."

As "a token of satisfaction at this gesture, worthy of the noble traditions of Catholic Ireland," the Vatican message stated that the Holy Father "from the abundance of his heart" imparted his Apostolic Blessing to the head of government and the people of Ireland.