

Strings on Papal Relief, Asian Paper Tells Reds

The Chinese Communists are a present for building the Chinese Communists of Asia. In October, in Chongming City, China, they have been able to do their best work. They have given up their many cards, the article notes, adding that it intends to carry through a policy of non-resistance without asking from the Chinese Communists what they come or where they go. They are going and without seeking help, particularly active, the article continues, in helping those in prison and their families, those released from prison, the Chinese Communists are now more numerous in dire circumstances.

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Buddhists Cooperate with Catholics In Japan's Anti-Communist Front

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A man will embrace any political scheme that will fill an empty stomach, that will keep his family alive, or that will even give promise of bettering his condition. The condition of the Japanese nowadays is really pitiable, almost anything would be an improvement.

Untold numbers still live in rusty shacks, half underground, that float with every rain, food is insufficient; medicine scarce, mortality high; millions have lost or no work; there are hardly any raw materials and machinery and in any or all of this distress and discontent the vision of betterment is dim in the distant future. All of it is the inevitable plight of a nation ruined by war. The road to recovery is a long upward hill; there is no prosperously lurking around a nearby corner.

It is because this field of discontent lends weight to the communist appeal, that the patriotic Japanese, who see in this same communism the end of his native life, is sorely worried.

He wants to see preserved the unity that now abounds in Japan, through their allegiance to an emperor genuinely beloved. He sincerely believes, and the history of the nation would seem to confirm it, that the emperor-tyrant is the best for the Japanese people. He is convinced, and there is nothing to refute it, that the fullest democracy can flourish under this emperor-father. He has genuine admiration for things and ways American, none at all for methods and ideals Soviet.

Awfully Strong, Old Man
More than this he has the reason, so nationwide as even to astonish missionaries who have lived in Japan for many years, that the Catholic Church is the avowed enemy of communism, the uncompromising foe of the godless Soviet system. Catholicism and communism are the diametrically opposed, the irreconcilable, foes to the death.

Communism is weak in America, the child of and heir to western civilization, has with prodigious generosity poured forth her blood and her wealth to defend it," the Bishop stated. "The end of the war sees her as the greatest of the world powers, and exercising on Europe a new and profound influence. I trust that the plan for unity in Europe in the name of its common civilization will find sympathetic understanding in wide circles, where and especially among my fellow Catholics whose Faith has been the source and foundation of that civilization.

"Mr. Churchill has made an appeal for European unity, not as the head of a political party, but as a statesman with a deep knowledge of history and has thus found support among men of every political conviction. To me as a Catholic Bishop it is especially welcome, since I see in it a desire, uncolored, maybe, to return to that unity which existed when Europe was bound together by a common Faith, the Catholic religion.

Matter For Rejoicing

"It may be true that the unity he desires is not such as arises from a common Faith. He speaks indeed in vaguer terms of a unity founded on Europe's heritage of civilization and freedom, and to be achieved by 'constitutional relationships between the nations of Europe.' Nevertheless, the public avowal by such a man that Europe ought to be one, with Britain an essential part of it, is in itself a matter for rejoicing.

"Such a message, I venture to say, was needed perhaps more for Britain than for the other countries concerned. When the so-called Reformation broke in Europe, unity, this land was cut off from the main stream of its civilization and became increasingly unaware that its history and culture were bound up with the Catholic Faith. In fact we witnessed in the last century the absurdities of an attempt to find their origins in some Nordic myth.

"I am convinced, furthermore, that this endeavour to unite the nations of Europe in the name of their common civilization will mean the defense of the Christian philosophy of life. The darkness which has come on us is due in the final analysis not to political or economic conditions, but to a wrong estimation of man and his destiny."

Art. Casting Comptes Hymnal
Boston — (INC) — "Sing to the Lord," a hymnal containing 13 hymns, carols, and chants arranged in seasonal order and compiled by Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen of Boston, has been placed on sale here.

British Africa Catholics Surpass Those in England

Rome — (INC) — Statistics in and a Sierra Leone, from 1930 to 1946, in the number of Catholics in British East and West Africa. In the period from 1930 to 1946, there was a previous year Northern Rhodesia and Northern Nigeria in the heart of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, also the former German colonies during the same years. There are now more without the total for the United Colonies in British Africa than there are in England and Wales. The total number of English and Welsh Catholics is 2,000,000, while the total for the United Colonies is 2,400,000.

According to figures released here by Fleiss, Italian news service, the Catholic population increased 20 per cent over the six colonies reporting their figures, from 700,000 in 1930 to 1,000,000 in 1946, together with 100 African Brothers. There are 100,000 in Kenya, 100,000 in Uganda, 100,000 in Nigeria, 100,000 in Sierra Leone, 100,000 in the Gold Coast, 100,000 in the Gambia, 100,000 in the Togoland, 100,000 in the six colonies.

roads of communistic agents.

Because the Catholic Church is known to be anti-communist, American nuns are being requested by many Japanese communists, to take up educational work. The youngerster of today is the voice of tomorrow. In the same proportion in which the old Japanese government, before the war, encouraged and imposed educational work by foreign era, the new "democratic" government, in many localities, is going to the opposite extreme, and is banning preference to American Catholic teachers, for gratis schools.

All of this is, of course, eminently satisfying to the Catholic mission, in Japan. So long as communism remains godless, there is a duty to fight it; and if the fighting contributes a quota towards establishing in Japan a true, Christian democracy, then it shall have helped not only Japan but America as well. For the prophet says: "If a world conflict of ideologies is inevitable, and if the time must come, then it will be good to have an ally."

A Japanese who is not a Catholic has given the funds for the establishing of a chair of Catholic Philosophy, in the Imperial University of Kyoto.

A Japanese who is not a Catholic has given 200,000 yen for the translation of St. Thomas' philosophy and theology, into Japanese.

A Japanese who is not a Catholic has supplied funds for the maintenance in Tokyo of a "Bureau of Information" against the communists. This bureau will get accounts of the worldwide battle between the Church and the communists, and see that they are made known to the Japanese. It will also sponsor debates with the communists, lectures, and like events.

A Japanese committee, representing a firm approved by the American army authorities, has appropriated funds for the establishing of a "Cultural Club" where there will be held weekly an open forum; with lectures by communists, (and Buddhists and Shintoists), and likewise lectures by Catholic priests, both foreign missionaries and native clergy. The club itself is to be under Catholic direction.

Buddhist Cooperation
At meetings, in Buddhist temples, between Buddhist priests and Catholic prelates, the Buddhists have expressed their strong determination to cooperate with the Catholics in attacking communism, in defending the sanctity of the home. They have requested help in the preparation of arguments, "ammunition" to be used in the warfare against godlessness.

State officials, on more than one occasion, have invited the Catholic missionaries to come into Japan as many Catholic priests and Sisters as possible, for any work whatsoever, religious, charitable, social; since any and all of these will aid Japan in building up a defense against the influence of communism.

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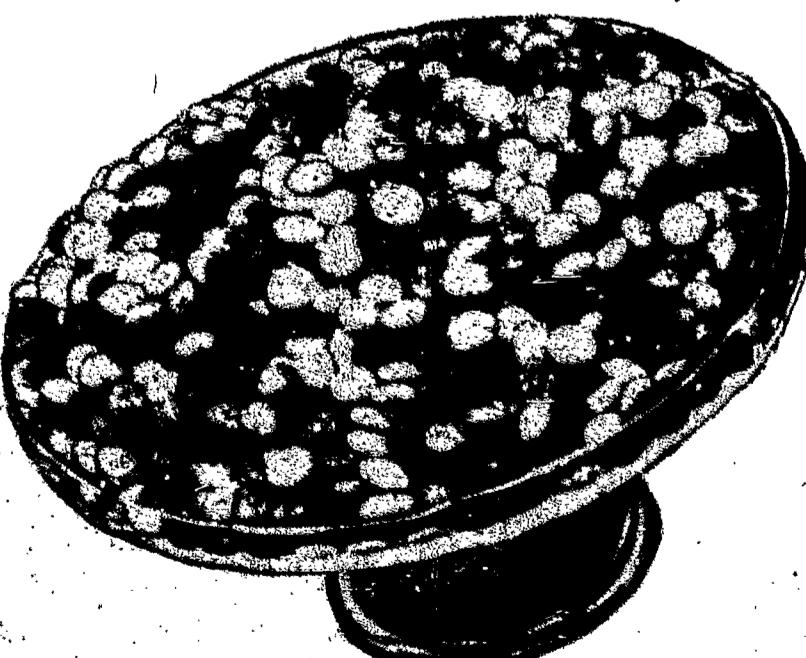
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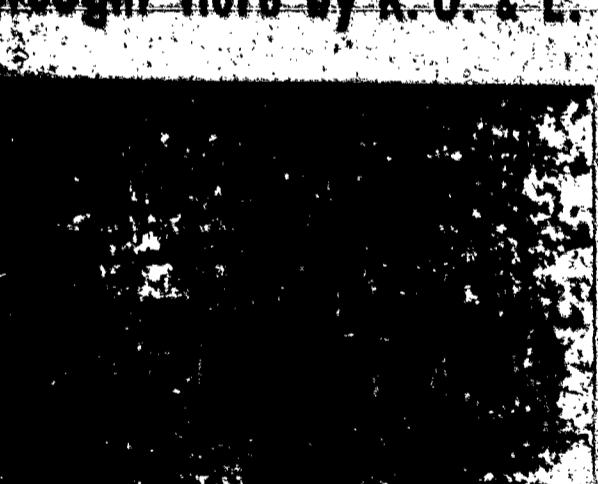
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