

Chinese Red Leader's Version Of Church Drive Contrary to Facts

By the REV. PATRICK O'DONNOR, S.S.C.
Yenan—(By Radio-NC)—While we cracked peanuts and sipped tea during a four-hour session in the Chinese communists' headquarters here, General Chou En-Lai, head of the party's foreign affairs department, stated the Reds' defense against the accusation of religious persecution.

Card. Griffin Decries East Europe Crimes

London—(NC)—His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, in his Lenten pastoral compares the crimes now being perpetrated in Eastern Europe to those of Nazi Germany which so shocked the world.

"Slave labor, concentration camps, secret police, persecution, imprisonment and murder are the order of the day and these crimes are now being committed in the name of freedom and democracy," the Cardinal wrote.

"We ask ourselves: 'Why is it that men descend to such brutality? Why have they ceased to act as human beings?' It is because they have given up God and religion, and man has suffered in consequence," he asserted.

Stop At Nothing

"In their determination to compel the world to adopt their false principles and wicked designs, they cross the line with vigor and force," he stated. "They will stop at nothing. They do not scruple to lie, to create disorder in the name of peace, to cause strife and revolution, to persecute in the name of freedom, to imprison and slaughter those who would withstand them. They are filled with hate, hatred of God and hatred of man."

"If we give up in a few standards and if we give up religion we have no right to talk about human dignity and the rights and freedom of man," he continued. "All these belong to man because he is a child of God. Only by recognizing God and man's relations to Him can we recognize the dignity of man as a child of God and his rights and liberties. It is because man is a creature of God that he enjoys his human rights."

Cardinal Griffin spoke out against Catholic "arm chair critics" and said that there are too few "unselfish, serious and enthusiastic workers for the cause of Christ." In this connection he praised as "one of the most promising movements of the present day" the activities of the Young Christian Workers in Britain.

Proposes Religion As Delinquency Curb

Madison, Wis.—(RNS)—Boards of education would be permitted to set aside a period each week during which pupils could attend classes for religious instruction under a proposal introduced in the state legislature here by a special legislative commission on juvenile delinquency.

The proposal was part of a multi-point program evolved after a two-year study of the child delinquency problem by a joint legislative group.

Referring to the proposal for religious instruction, the committee said numerous witnesses at its extended hearings expressed the conviction that "the lack of moral and religious training contributed heavily toward delinquency."

Stars Signed To Broadcast Relief Pleas

New York—(NC)—A special nationwide dramatic broadcast will be made over the American Broadcasting System network, Thursday evening, March 28, from 10:30 to 11 p. m., eastern standard time, in connection with the Bishops' Relief Campaign for Victims of War.

Pat O'Brien, prominent Hollywood star, will take the leading role in the dramatic portion of the program, which will emanate from Hollywood. It will be entitled "The Victim of War," and will deal with the living conditions of millions of war victims in Europe and the Far East.

Both the network time and the services of the cast have been contributed to the Bishops' relief campaign.

On this same broadcast, following the dramatic portion, Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, will speak on behalf of the Bishops' Relief Campaign for Victims of War. The campaign is to be conducted from March 9 to March 16. (The Rochester Diocese will be taking up in all churches on March 14.)

In addition, 14 prominent Hollywood radio and screen personalities have made a series of special "spot announcements" in connection with the Bishops' Relief Campaign for Victims of War. Those who have contributed their services to the making of these announcements include Lionel Barrymore, Bob Hope, Fibber McGee and Molly, Don Ameche, Harlow Wilcox, Truman Bradley, Harry Von Zell, Jack Bailey ("Queen for a Day"), Tom Brennen ("Breakfast in Hollywood"), Knox Manning, Ed- die Cantor and Arthur Bryan ("Doc Gamble").

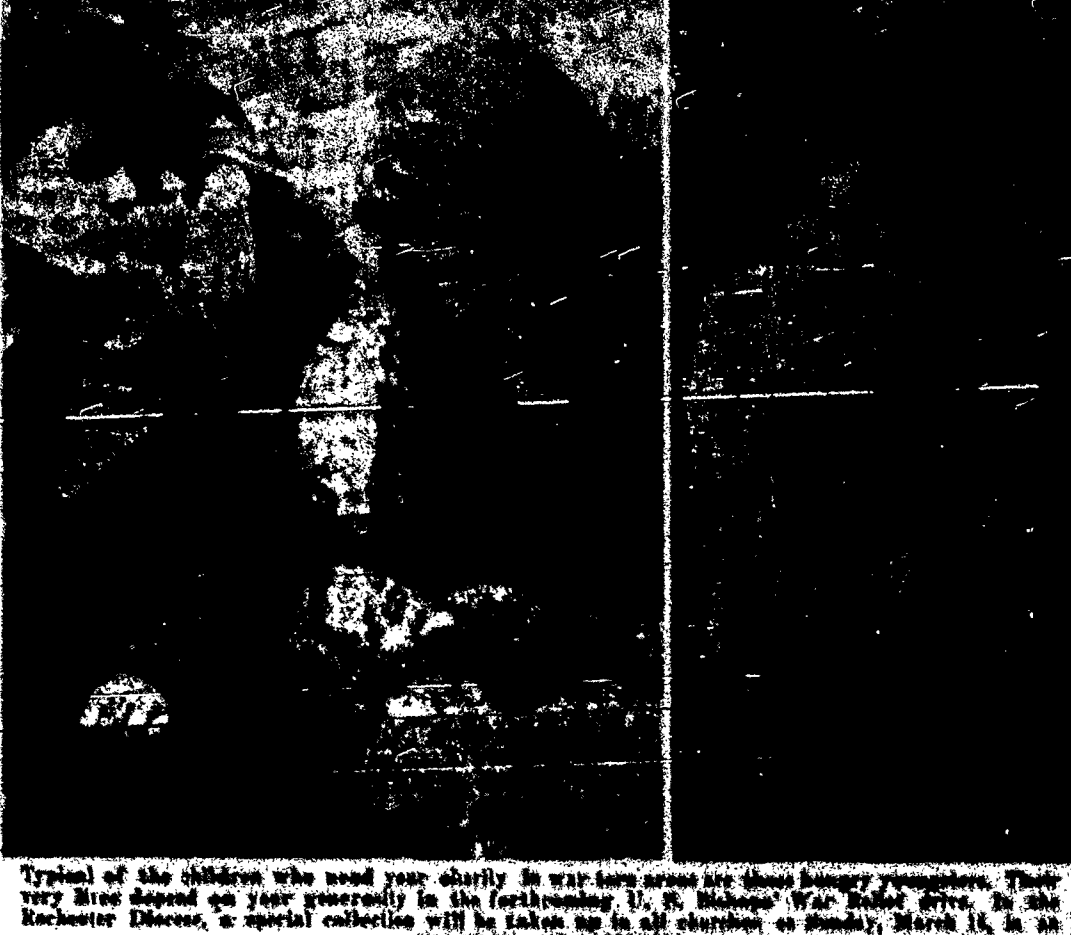
Magr. Fulton J. Sheen of the Catholic University of America has made a special transcription of a radio address entitled "A Challenge to Charity" for use by local radio stations which plan to contribute time to the Bishops' Relief Campaign for Victims of War.

Ration Cards Denied 500,000 in Poland

Warsaw—(NC)—The recent withdrawal of food ration cards from all non-government newspapermen, writers, artists, physicians and pharmacists in Poland deprives more than 500,000 persons of the possibility of buying food at regulated prices, according to an Inter-Catholic Press Agency report.

Only government employees and Communist party workers are entitled to such ration cards at the present time, the report continues, and the rest of the people are now forced to pay black market prices, which are sometimes 20 times higher.

They're Hungry and You Can Help Them



Typical of the children who need your charity in war-torn areas are these hungry youngsters. Their very lives depend on your generosity in the forthcoming U. S. Bishops' War Relief drive. In the Rochester Diocese, a special collection will be taken up in all churches on Sunday, March 16, in an attempt to gather \$50,000.

U. S. PRIEST GETS INDIA BISHOPRIC

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Irish Bishops Fear Fate Of Church in East Europe

Dublin—(RNS)—Fears for the fate of the Catholic Church in eastern Europe were expressed in Lenten pastoral letters written by bishops throughout Ireland.

The pastorals also charged the government of Northern Ireland with discrimination against Catholics, denounced Communism, and expressed concern over security matters in Europe.

The Most Rev. Patrick O'Neill, Bishop of Limerick, sketched the present "uneasy peace" of the world and declared that the Four Freedoms are "an illusory promise for whole nations absorbed into the system of Soviet Russia."

He said freedom "means little to martyred Poland, recently allowed the privilege of a sham election," and accused the "mock trial and savage sentence" of Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Yugoslavia.

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"There are at this moment," he charged, "international organizations parading under innocuous, attractive and misleading names, whose sole purpose is the spread of the doctrine of atheistic Communism. And all the time, across the frontiers of these countries where these doctrines have been imposed, the

Aquitted Bishop On Trial Again

Belgrade—(RNS)—Large crowds of adherents gathered in the court room here at the trial of Bishop Stepan Stepanovic, O. F. M., Titular of Donostopolis, accused of treason and espionage. The Bishop previously had been tried and acquitted by a people's court, was released when acquitted by a court of appeal, and then was re-arrested and again placed on trial.

Food, Clothing Most Potent Weapons

Washington—(NC)—The United Nations Economic and Social Council has adopted a resolution in which it has urged that food and clothing be used as the most potent weapons in the struggle against poverty and hunger.

The resolution, which was adopted by a vote of 14 to 1, with 1 abstention, was introduced by the United States and was supported by the United Kingdom, France, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, Belgium, Luxembourg, and the United States.

The resolution calls for the establishment of a permanent international commission to study the problem of food and clothing and to make recommendations to the United Nations on how to deal with the problem.

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