

UN Safeguards For Holy Land Shrines Urged

New York. (NC) — Although expressing complete indifference regarding the form of regime which eventually may be set up in deciding the Palestine question, the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, expressing the Catholic viewpoint in a six-point memorandum to the United Nations Special Committee on Palestine, emphasized it is of prime concern that the interests of Christendom be safeguarded and that all Christian shrines and sanctuaries in the Holy Land be respected.

The memorandum was submitted by Magr. Thomas J. McMahon, national secretary of the Near East group, of which His Eminence Francis Cardinal Spellman, archbishop of New York, is president. The memorandum recalled that the association had been invited to submit its views to the committee by Victor Hoo, UN assistant secretary general.

Outlining one point — "The Priority of Our Appeal" — the memorandum points out that the association is the sole official mission and relief agency of the Sacred Congregation for the Oriental Church, which is headed by His Holiness Pope Pius XII. The memorandum states:

"We fear that these Christian and Catholic interests might be disregarded and we consider it our bounden duty to indicate this to your Special Committee. Reiterating our impartiality as to the regime which will eventually be established in Palestine, again we say that, if said regime inadequately provides in its pattern of rights for its citizens, for the freedom of religion and freedom of religious organization of its Christian and Catholic minority, its determining body will have committed a crime against its own Palestinian brethren, whose life to live in their Holy Land is an ancient as that of their compatriots.

"Indeed, because Palestine is the Holy Land for millions of Christians all over the world, this gigantic injustice would be right fully resented by them and by all men of good will."

The memorandum contains a point dealing with religious sites: "For no other motive than to guarantee the Christian interests, and more particularly the Roman Catholic interests in Palestine, which read back to the beginnings of Christianity and have been incontestably and juridically established since the 13th century."

Holy Land For All
Treating the antiquity of Christian claims, the memorandum recalls that Palestine is not merely the Holy Land for Jews and Moslems, but also for 702,000,000 Christians throughout the world.

Citing present statistics, the memorandum in another point discloses that the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land was founded in 1217 and even Moslem sultans in the centuries since then have recognized and confirmed the Friars in their charge of Christian shrines.

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'GLACIER PRIEST' IN JAPAN



Rev. Bernard J. Hubbard, S. J., of Santa Clara University, California, noted for his work in the Yukon, is shown as he greeted a group of Japanese children during his recent visit to Sacred Heart Academy, Tokyo. He is displaying his camera with which he is photographing Jesuit missions throughout the world. (AP Photo)

Reds Aim to Bleed U.S. White By Relief Costs, Hoover Charges

Washington. (NC) — Late developments with regard to Russia and communism, both in the United States and abroad, have been headlined by the report of former Herbert Hoover to the House Appropriations Committee, in which he backed the proposed \$25-million dollar program for relief in occupied countries and blamed Russia for delaying rehabilitation of former enemy nations.

Urging immediate United States action to resolve the situation, Mr. Hoover stated that "the time has come when we should issue a last call to Russia and France to comply with the Potsdam agreement."

In his report, Mr. Hoover asserted that the reasons for continuous obstruction by Russia to every effort which would restore production in the occupied countries have at least some expression in the Russian press as a method by which the United States can be bled white by relief measures.

The Communist situation in the movie industry also was spotlighted when a House Un-American Activities subcommittee charged that "some of the most flagrant Communist propaganda films" produced in Hollywood were a "result of White House pressure."

Although the subcommittee report gave no details on the alleged White House influence, a recommendation was made that an investigation be started to determine "responsibility and extent of the influence and interference on the part of government agencies or officials in the production of flagrant Communist propaganda films."

An investigation of Communism in Washington, D. C., schools was begun by Chairman Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois of the House District of Columbia Committee, who appointed five members "to examine foreign ideologies in the school system of Washington." The group will also investigate all the circumstances of the speech made by Mrs. Aleksandra Lewis at Western High School, when she was accused of spreading Soviet propaganda by four students.

At the same time, the House Veterans Affairs Committee reported out a bill which would deny GI benefits to veterans who are Communists or who belong to Communist organizations.

A survey by the United Press disclosed the fact that "the United States has marshaled the huge total of \$27,000,000 for

Be Real Catholics Mrs. Luce Urges

South Bend. (NC) — Be apostles to the daughters of Eve around you, not in words only, but by "the inevitable argument of a Catholic life, which is a life of sacrifice and charity," Mrs. Clare Boothe Luce, former representative from Connecticut, urged the graduates of St. Mary's College at the school's 100th annual commencement exercises.

"In times of grave spiritual crisis like our own," she declared, "Catholic women can neither save themselves nor their husbands nor protect their own faith unless they seek vigorously to salvage, repair and redeem less fortunate homes, and to restore, by sharing their sufferings, the faith of others. That means — to be Christian apostles."

"But here I would warn you," Mrs. Luce counseled, "the quarrel is not with the regime of divorce, nor with the divorced woman who works at the next desk, needs your Catholic love, your Catholic example, far more than she needs your Catholic words."

Instead of memorizing carefully contrived sentences of the student classics, modern Chinese students are learning the principles of economics and chemical formulae. Chinese girls as well as boys are tinkering with test tubes in college laboratories or probing problems of production distribution in well stocked libraries.

In the three Catholic universities in China, the following subjects attract most students: Economics, sociology, education and chemistry at the Catholic University of Peking conducted by the Society of the Divine Word Fathers of Tientsin, Ill.

Education, economics and science in the women's college at the same university conducted by the Sister Servants of the Holy Ghost.

Engineering and commerce at Hautes Etudes in Tientsin, conducted by the French Jesuits. Law, medicine and science at Aurora University in Shanghai, conducted by the Religious of the Sacred Heart.

English, both as a language and literature, is a popular subject everywhere. The dream of many a Chinese student is to finish his studies in the United States. "Return students" are a

New China Studies Would Confuse Confucius

Shanghai. (NC) — Confucius would rub his eyes if he saw what young China is studying today.

Though noted for strict standards, discipline and ethical teaching, the Catholic universities of China are attracting far more applicants than they can accept. A great majority of these are non-Christians.

Every year these universities report some conversions among students and occasionally among members of the Chinese teaching staff. Later years bring conversions among the alumni and their children.

The closing of the Catholic schools (temporarily) would throw onto the public the burden of spending billions of dollars to finance the education of the nearly 3,000,000 people who now attend parochial schools, Father O'Brien writes.

"It would bring home to the public the tremendous savings now being effected through the generosity and devotion of Catholic taxpayers who contribute their share in the support of the public schools and then go down in their pockets a second time to provide for the Christian education of 3,000,000 children."

"It is incredible that a nation that is pouring out billions of dollars to people in all the countries of the world would be grudging such meager and petty aid as an occasional bus ride to a little child to reach school," he observes.

Months Canceled



Very Rev. Edward William Lynch, O. Carm., dean of philosophy at Marymount College, Barrytown, N. Y., and provincial of the U. S. Carmelite Province of St. Elizabeth since 1911, who has been chosen Superior General of the Carmelites at the general chapter in Rome, Father Lynch speaks the Very Rev. William M. Dowd as head of the 8,000 Carmelites throughout the world. (AP Photo)

Catholic Schools Save 400 Millions

Notre Dame. (NC) — Much of the misunderstanding which led to the students attending Catholic schools in 1946, the false impression that the Catholic school system is costly.

Writing in the current issue of "The Ave Maria," national Catholic weekly published at Notre Dame, Father O'Brien points out that the Catholic school system, on the contrary, saves millions of dollars for taxpayers. For every cent expended out of public funds for such auxiliary aids to education as free bus rides and free textbooks, Catholics are saving the average taxpayer almost a dollar through the reduction of the operation of a nationwide system of Catholic parochial schools erected and operated without public aid, he points out.

"If the true picture could only be gotten to John Q. Public, that he is being saved each year more than \$400,000,000 through the operation of Catholic grade schools, high schools, colleges and universities," Father O'Brien asserts, "he would utter a hearty word of gratitude to the people who maintain such schools instead of begrudging a penny of state aid for the subsidies of education."

Trapp Family Head Dies
Washington, Va. (NC) — Severn George von Trapp, Austrian nobleman and father of the famous Trapp family singing group, died at the age of 78 in the home of his daughter, Mrs. von Trapp, in the United States.

Loyola Plans Medical School
Chicago. (NC) — As the site of a \$50,000,000 medical school, Loyola University has selected a site in the city of Chicago, which will be the site of the new medical school.

Pope Pays Tribute To U. S. Red Cross
Vatican City. (Radio, N. C.) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII, receiving Basil O'Connor, chairman of the American Red Cross, and a number of other Red Cross officials, paid tribute to the "prompt and effective" work of the American relief organization and asked the Red Cross leaders to bear in mind the spiritual life of man while they were alleviating his physical distress.

The Holy Father mentioned in his address the helpful cooperation received by the Vatican relief agencies from the American Red Cross. He stressed the fact that the American Red Cross has a worldwide reputation for prompt mobilization of forces to overcome natural calamities and stop disaster.

New York. (NC) — The Rev. William J. Donovan, chaplain of the recent U. S. Navy expedition, has left here to resume paroled duties in his home district of Delaware, N.Y.

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