

Red-backed Rebuff Makes Irish Proud

Dublin — Pleased rather than pained — that is the reaction to the rejection of her application for membership in the United Nations. The Irish in the street — if they think of it at all — express satisfaction at the result. Not that anyone would expect a rebuff, but a rebuff from Russia, viewed by Catholics here, is seen in the light of a commendation.

The vast majority of Irish citizens were never particularly concerned with the United Nations. They are more concerned with the United States. There are some who regard the outcome as a further step of pressure against the Irish Government, holding that by applying for membership the Irish were left open for insult.

But, as Premier Eamon de Valera stated in an interview with the Dublin correspondent of an American newspaper: "The decision to apply for membership was taken by the Irish Government with no little misgivings, and only because Ireland wished to play her full part in every effort to secure international cooperation and world peace."

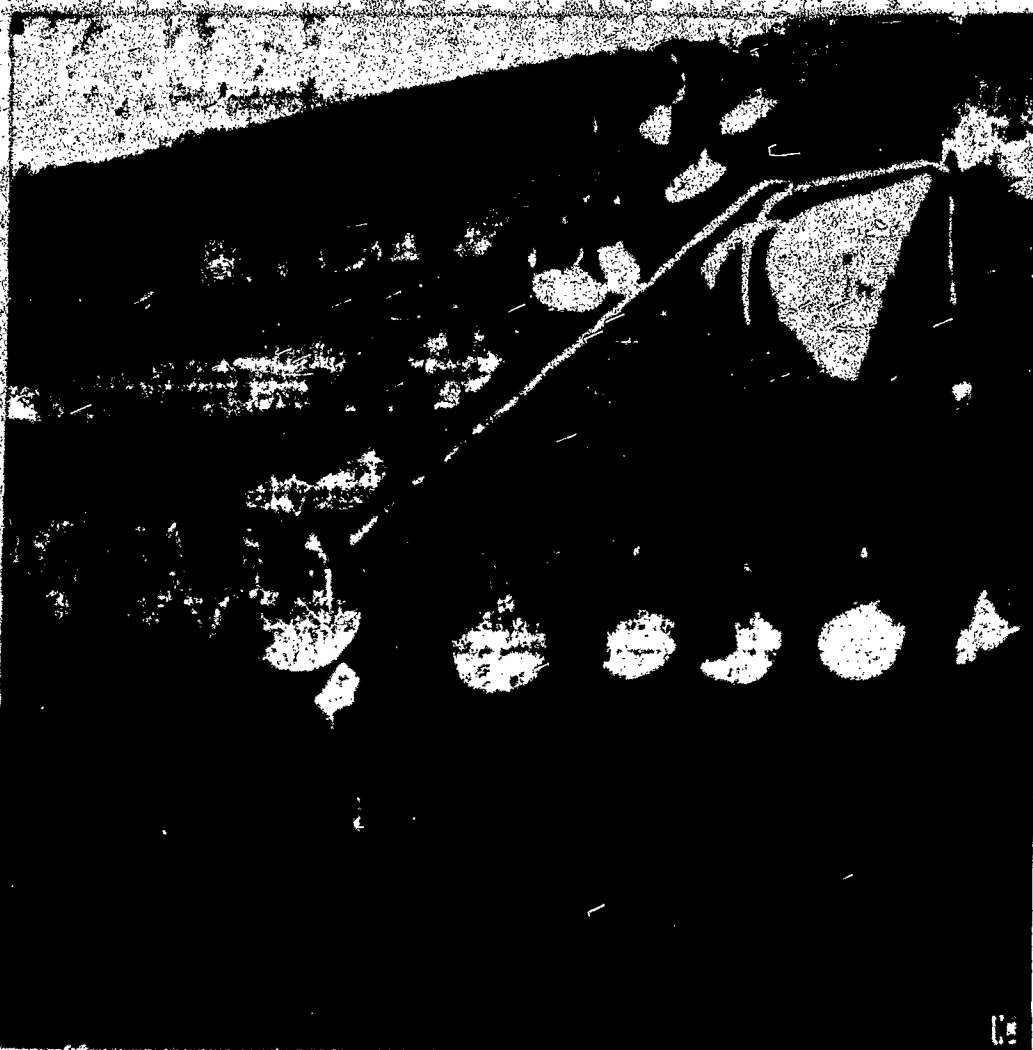
That statement really sums up public opinion here on the subject. Ireland is anxious to help in world peace but it was not willing to contribute to the acceptance of a policy which it regarded as a rebuff.

Atlantic View — Arguments have been put forward in the press for a full participation by Irish Government in the United Nations. It is held that such participation could be accomplished in a world organization where violence is not involved. In U. N. membership, Ireland, it is claimed, would be able to voice its views on international principles. Further, Ireland, if admitted to U. N., would be recognized as a sovereign state, which has such implications for the Irish Republic as would certainly not be lost on the Irish.

The reasons given for rejecting Ireland's claim for U. N. membership — that a year ago, that Ireland has no diplomatic relations with Russia — and last month, that the Irish Government had expressed open sympathy with the Axis — do not convince the Irish. These reasons are regarded as so much nonsense. The obvious reason, it is said, is that Ireland is a country with a long and proud history of independence. It is a country which has been a member of the League of Nations since 1923. It is a country which has been a member of the Commonwealth of Nations since 1926. It is a country which has been a member of the United Nations since 1945. It is a country which has been a member of the United Nations since 1945.

While in Italy, it was stated, Mr. Sorensen also plans to visit Legation to learn first hand the facts concerning charges by an American correspondent against the administration of the Army's Mediterranean Theater command here. He has been advised by the consulate, he said, that on his arrival at Rome August 30 his visa will be ready at the Yugoslav consulate here.

Nuns First Return Home in 20 Years



The O'Driscolls, Cavanaugh, McKenna, Fardes of Dublin, Millarney, Glessa Morra and Tipperary were happy and proud when the above-pictured Sisters of St. Joseph of Tipton, Indiana, landed at Shannon Airport after their flight across the Atlantic. The first time the sisters had traveled by air and the first return to their native Eire in more than twenty years brought the sisters notice in many papers throughout the country. Recently returned, the sisters said conditions were good in Ireland and that the faith of the old sod was still undimmed by the problems of the times. The Most Rev. John G. Bennett, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette, has given the Irish-born nuns of the community permission to return to their native Eire every ten years. (NC Photos)

Young Worker Training Need Told Priests

Notre Dame, Ind. The urgent need for greater effort among Catholic priests in the activities of the lay apostolate was stressed during the Fifth Annual Lay Apostolate Study Week for Priests, held at the University of Notre Dame.

Principal lay speaker at the conference was Patrick Keegan of London, Eng., general secretary of the International Young Christian Workers movement. Mr. Keegan spoke on behalf of the young workers of the world and stressed the importance of inserting "the whole of Christianity into the whole life of the worker." If the worker is to regain his God-given dignity, insisting that attempts to build the life of the working class on Christ must begin with the working class, Mr. Keegan reminded the priests that "the Church, State, and all authorities can and should help, but cannot replace young workers in this conquest of himself and the working masses. The young worker, therefore, must be trained, organized, and given the formation necessary to penetrate and become the leaven of the masses. In order to do this, a movement is necessary, and the movement is the Y.C.W., which must be the permanent solution to the problems of the young worker."

Vatican Cites War Losses of German Clergy

Rome — (E.N.S.) — Official figures released by the Vatican disclosed that 2,682 Catholic religious died in Germany during the war, including 563 priests, of whom 43 perished in concentration camps, 637 deacons, 831 monks, and 531 seminarians.

The report stated that 1,164 German religious are still being held prisoner, namely, 304 priests, 178 deacons, 432 monks, and 190 seminarians. It added that 1,164 religious, of whom 175 are priests, have been "dispersed" as a result of the war.

God Holds Key To Labor Rift States Budenz

New York — (NC) — There can be no "great measure of peace on the labor or other social problems unless men learn once more the peace which comes from the altar — unless they cease to turn their backs upon the Divinity," Louis F. Budenz, former editor of the Communist Daily Worker and now on the staff of Fordham University declared on the Sunday radio Catholic Hour.

Today "greed and envy enter too largely" into the attempted solutions of the labor question, he continued. "Movements arising from class hatred and measures dictated by class hatred end only in chaos, slavery and defeat. The spirit which leads men to think of their eternal salvation, permeating our civil and social relationships, will lead to fraternal bonds between the classes rather than the raising of the standard of hate. The dignity of the human being, whether laborer or manager, can be won and maintained in a society in which the brotherhood of man, based upon Christian charity, is recognized under the fatherhood of God."

Cites Popes — "Have we not witnessed enough of the tragedy which has followed, when hatred has been made the foundation stone for solving this question. The promise of the dictatorship of the proletariat has led to a dictatorship over the proletariat. The prophetic emancipation of the workingman has brought about the enslavement of the workers (over a great part of the globe the right of association, the right to free elections, or to any genuinely free expression has been wiped out in blood and through the all seeing eye of the dictatorship's secret police."

Popes Leo XIII and Pius XI gave the world a "sweeping vista of social reorganization" in their encyclicals on the condition of the laboring classes, Mr. Budenz continued. The key stone of their reform was cooperation between associations of employers' association, or the workers' organization is not to be concerned alone with the presentation of its own demands and viewpoints, but the other. Each is to be concerned with self-discipline within its own sphere and among its own membership. In this public emphasis rights were to be interlinked with responsibilities and responsibilities were always to accompany the assertion of rights."

German Brothers Laud U. S. Forces

Gloucester, Mass. — (NC) — Delegates from the Bavarian Province of the Brothers of St. John of God have reported enthusiastically to the Father General of their community in Rome on the treatment they have received from the officers and men of the American Occupation Forces in Germany, according to word reaching here.

The Brothers in Bavaria saw four of their hospitals greatly damaged during the war, and a number of their members were killed or taken prisoner. Their delegates were unable to reach Rome last April to attend the General Chapter of the Hospitalier Brothers.

The Brothers here also have word that the Milanese province has begun work on the reconstruction of their hospital in Milan, badly damaged by bombs during the war. When completed, the hospital will have more than 300 beds.

The naming of Bishop Raymond by the Holy See as the new Ordinary of Allahabad is in line with the Holy Father's policy of entrusting the administration of as many dioceses in India as possible to native bishops. This move by the Sovereign Pontiff has the support of the foreign missionaries and is looked on with favor by India's political leaders.

CWV Head to See Abp. Stepinac

New York — (NC) — A visit to Archbishop Aloysius Stepinac of Zagreb, imprisoned since last fall by the Yugoslav Government, is planned by Max A. Sorensen of Philadelphia, National commander of the Catholic War Veterans, who left here (Aug. 14) by plane for Copenhagen, Denmark.

As he departed, Mr. Sorensen said he had applied to the Yugoslav consulate here for a visa to enter Yugoslavia for the purpose of visiting the imprisoned prelate. He has been advised by the consulate, he said, that on his arrival at Rome August 30 his visa will be ready at the Yugoslav consulate here.

Third Order Names National Officers

Cincinnati — (NC) — Delegates to the sixth quinquennial national congress of the Third Order of St. Francis concluded their three day meeting here with the reelection of the National Executive Board. Those serving on the Board are: Archbishop Michael J. Cushing of Boston, Episcopal Protector and Priest Consultant; the Very Rev. Thomas Grassmann, O.F.M., Conv., Fond du Lac, Wis.; Chairman; the Very Rev. Basil Cummings, O.F.M., Cap. Marathon, Wis.; Vice Chairman; the Rev. John McGuck, T.O.B.; Lake Andes, S. D.; Board Member; the Rev. Philip Marquardt, O.F.M., Chicago; Secretary; John J. Craig, Tulsa, Treasurer; and James Insell, Detroit, Consultant.

Moscow Motives Queried In Wallace Broadcast

Vatican City — (By Radio, NC) — Osservatore Romano has questioned the motives of a Moscow radio broadcast which cited an article, "The written by Henry A. Wallace, editor of the New Republic, and published in that magazine."

In his article, as quoted by the Moscow radio, Mr. Wallace asserted that the present methods of fighting communism and socialism in the United States "will give us a police state here," adding that President Truman's loyalty order for U. S. government employees provides for the application of anti-democratic measures "which our revolutionary ancestors so justly fought."

In its comment, Osservatore inquires into the meaning and purpose of the Moscow broadcast. It either means, the Vatican daily writes, that Moscow is scandalized by the accusations of Mr. Wallace, or wishes to show that even in democratic countries "democratic rights" are suppressed.

If the first assumption should be true, Osservatore declares, then the Moscow radio should have explained how Soviet Russia exercises control over the loyalty of its governmental employees and what methods Russia uses to combat any idea and party outside communism. Such an explanation is necessary, Osservatore adds, lest it be asserted that Soviet Russia's methods are those of a police state and constitute anti-democratic measures which Russia's revolution

Pope Blesses U. S. Scouts to Jamboree

Vatican City — (By Radio, NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has received in audience the Rev. Robert Brown, New York Archdiocesan Scout Chaplain, who accompanied American Catholic Boy Scouts taking part in the International Jamboree now taking place near Paris.

Two American Catholic Scout leaders and two Scouts were also received by the Holy Father who imparted his blessing to the American Scouts. He also was pleased to accept the statue of a Boy Scout and a vocational poster presented by the group.

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