

# Communists Urge Smear-plot Against Pope Pius and Clergy

Mexico City (NC) — Communists in Latin American nations have been urged to undertake an immediate campaign in an effort to discredit His Holiness Pope Pius XII and the Catholic clergy as enemies and exploiters of workers and of those who believe in justice, according to a propaganda document from the Communist Party of Reform of Italy, which was received in this city.

The propaganda document from Italy urges the Mexican Communists to distribute it to the other Latin American nations.

The Red propaganda has begun to flood into Mexico at a time when there is increasing activity on the part of anti-Communist organizations, chief among which are the *Deputada* (United Federation of Mexican Workers) and the *Mexicana Revolucionaria* (Mexican Revolutionary Association).

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## Aid Diocesan Paper Drive

Little Rock (NC) — Catholic organizations of the Diocese of Little Rock have rallied to the support of The Guardian, diocesan weekly newspaper, in its drive to establish a new printing plant.

The Knights of Columbus Council here has contributed a check of \$500 toward the purchase of a new cylinder press. The Catholic War Veterans have contributed many hours of labor at night in installing partitions and painting. The Catholic Daughters of America have contributed the secretarial work for the campaign. Although it has only 35,000 Catholics, the diocese has maintained its own official organ since 1911.

Workers who still receive a portion of the salary.

The imperialist governments as well as the militarists and the clergy of the Catholic Church have united themselves against the rightful conquests of the proletarian revolution.

All governments who refuse to recognize the just conquests of the proletariat must be treated as enemies do away with them if you can.

## Card. Griffin: 'Mercy Killing' Called Murder

London (NC) — His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, told a group of Catholic young men who crowded a London West End theater that euthanasia "mercy killing" is "cold-blooded murder."

"I should call it cold-blooded murder on the part of the one who brings it about, and suicide on the part of the patient," the Cardinal said in a speech at a national convention rally of the Catholic Young Men's Society at the Scala Theater.

"Of course the term 'mercy' may apply to the relatives of the patient on the understanding that it would be a mercy to them if they did not have the trouble of looking after the sick person," the prelate added, commenting on a recent London newspaper poll in which 70 per cent of the men and 62 per cent of the women questioned favored euthanasia for painful and incurable illness.

The Catholic Church teaches that a person's life is not his own but belongs to Almighty God. He has a duty to preserve it and others have a duty to see that his right to live is not interfered with.

Men do not know what they are not when they are not and they have tended to consider themselves and others as mere victims. And so has resulted the belief in gross materialism by which some people consider they exist just to have a good time or to make money and that when this life is over that is the end.

## NCWC RELIEF AIDE HONORED



The Hungarian Government's highest award to a civilian, the Medal of Honor, was conferred upon Mr. Thomas J. Fox, the Hungarian, Austrian and Roumanian delegate of NCWC War Relief Services, upon his departure from Budapest. Several hundred groups of children, in the presence of Cardinal Mindszenty and the clergy of the capital, under the leadership of Magr. Bela Witt, Vicar of Budapest, were present. (NC Photos)

## German Dioceses Disappear As Result of Soviet Conquest

Frankfurt (NC) — With the recent death here of Bishop Maximilian Kailler, his former Diocese of Erms (East Prussia) has now become one not only without shepherd, but also without territory. This is due to the fact that all of East Prussia has been annexed by the Poles and Russians and nearly all Catholics there have been evacuated, mostly to the West. Except for two all members of the former cathedral chapter of Posenburg have died, which means that not even a Vicar Capitular can be elected. Since the time of the Reformation no German diocese has faced a similar problem.

The Holy Father had originally planned to appoint Bishop Kailler as the ordinary of a kind of "personal" diocese which would have included all the Catholic expellees from the East now residing in various parts of Germany.

The diocese of Erms is to disappear since the war. The first one was Breslau whose Ordinary, Adolf Cardinal Bertram, died shortly after the Red Army broke into Silesia, in 1945. His Auxiliary Bishop Josef Ferche, subsequently was expelled by the Polish government and recently appointed second Auxiliary of Cologne.

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In the remainder of the Erms diocese, embracing about 200,000 souls, 80 priests function under Vicar Capitular Ferdinand Plontek in Breslau.

## New Priests Hoped For Foreign Fields

Techny, Ill. (NC) — A class of 24 members was ordained to the priesthood in the Society of the Holy Word here today by Bishop William D. O'Brien, Auxiliary of Chicago. It was the second largest class in the history of St. Mary's Mission House at Techny.

Two of the newly-ordained priests will sail for England on August 27 where they will offer their first Solemn Masses in their home parishes. They are the Rev. Mark McCausland, S.V.D., and the Rev. James Miller, S.V.D. All of the newly ordained eventually are destined for assignments in the mission fields of China, Africa, India, New Guinea, Japan, the Netherlands, East Indies, the Philippines and South America.

## Turn Nations To God Third Order Urged

Chattanooga (NC) — "Sincerity and purity must be recognized in statistics or it will make no difference what other executive we bring to the rebuilding of society," Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston warned delegates to the Third Order of St. Francis congress here.

"We know more about state and arms and the abolition of water and the recognition of the spheres and energies of the universe than all the sciences of the Middle Ages combined — and yet we live in fear of all those things in fear of the very knowledge of them which enemies and friends alike possess," he said.

"St. Francis knew one thing and one thing only about the universe and the atoms of which it and all things in it are made: He knew that they are God's work and that therefore they are good and beautiful. And so he did not fear them as we do, rather he loved them as we have lost the heart to do," the Archbishop stated.

Archbishop Cushing said, however, that today it is the "City of Man" that is tottering, rather than the "City of God" as it was in St. Francis' time and he observed that the Church of Jesus Christ is emerging strong and fair from the dark days now gone by and the faces the future whatever it may bring with divine fearlessness and confident optimism.

"The church is giving to God in these times in which I speak more heroic souls, more glorious saints, I dare say it than she has given Him in generations before. It is always that way in days of persecution, of war and worry and wickedness in high places, like the days in which we live," he said.

Speaking to religious teachers at one of the sessions of the congress, the Boston Archbishop, who is Episcopal Protector of the Third Order in the United States, told them that the great contribution they can make to Christian family life in the education of children is on the level of love and loyalty rather than on the level of knowledge.

## Tenth Year



## Bishop Foery Marks Tenth Anniversary

The Most Rev. Walter A. Foery, D.D., Bishop of Syracuse, was honored with religious and civic tributes this week on the 10th anniversary of his consecration as Bishop.

Formerly a priest of the Diocese of Rochester, Bishop Foery was consecrated as the fifth Bishop of Syracuse by the late St. Patrick's Cathedral here on August 12, 1937, by Archbishop Edward Mooney, now the Cardinal Archbishop of Detroit. When he was appointed to the see of Syracuse by Pope Pius XII, Bishop Foery was the pastor of Holy Rosary Church and the Director of the Rochester Catholic Charities. Previously he had been the assistant pastor and later the pastor of Mount Carmel Church from 1916 to 1922.

Bishop Foery was born in Rochester on July 16, 1880, and studied in St. Andrew's and St. Bernard's seminaries and obtained here in June, 1910, a Bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame. He has three sisters, Lucille and Katherine, a brother, Frank W. Foery, lives at 53 American Park.

During Bishop Foery's ten-year tenure the Diocese of Syracuse has enjoyed unprecedented success and progress. The Catholic population has grown 34,779 in 10 years to a total of 308,625 in 133 parishes. The priests of the diocese number 326 and the religious serving in schools and institutions total 756. Syracuseans attribute the marked advancement of the diocese to the enthusiastic initiative and the resourceful planning of Bishop Foery. He is affectionately regarded in Rochester also for his zealous priestliness and able administrative ability.

## French Clergy Vindicated In Tax Refusal

Paris (NC) — A group of priests who were tried for refusing to pay a tax levied on ecclesiastical property in France which benefited those for whom they worked, were acquitted by the French court today from the tribunal of Le Mans.

The decision of the tribunal held that the refusal of private schools to acknowledge laws that private schools by their mere existence restrict the financial freedom of the state; that the constitution grants parents the right to choose their children's teachers; that the independence of the schools is beyond dispute; that their work is made difficult by the current economic situation; that it is natural for priests in charge of parishes to organize centers and other enterprises in order to obtain funds for their schools; that those who refuse to pay the tax in the light of their purposes, cannot be considered as commercial enterprises.

The decision of the tribunal also paid tribute to "Christian education which is a precious element of the individual and moral wealth of the nation," and gave many commendations to the French and international work toward the cause of French education.

The trial occurred in the Department of Mayenne, one of the most populous Catholic regions of France. It attracted some 20,000 citizens to the town of Le Mans. In the opinion of the public schools are virtually without pupils while the Christian schools are educating a vast majority of the children — a fact which the tribunal's verdict indicated meant the state a considerable amount annually in taxes.

Bishop Antoine Cozman of Le Mans, who was a witness at the trial, told the tribunal that he had been requested most courteously by the Ministry of Finance to advise the priests to pay the tax. He said he had refused because he was certain that neither the priests nor the faithful would have obeyed him. He insisted the diocesan were neither rebels nor were they trying to evade the law, but their motive was to nullify it in the unjust situation that exists in regard to Christian education.

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