

Soviets Keep Bishop From Fulda Meeting

By MAX JORDAN

Fulda, Germany — (NC) — The spiritual and physical needs of millions of German expellees from the East, relations with the Protestant churches and conditions in the Soviet zone, were some of the problems which the German Bishops studied during their annual meeting here at the tomb of St. Boniface, Apostle of the Germans.

The three-day conference, held last week, was attended by 19 German Bishops and seven other Prelates, representing the entire Episcopate with the exception of Bishop Peter Legge of Meissen, Saxony, who was again refused a travel permit by the Soviet authorities.

His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Frings, Archbishop of Cologne, functioned as chairman of the meetings. Bishop Aloisius J. Muench of Fargo, N. D., Apostle Visitation to Germany, participated in the sessions.

To Issue Pastoral

In their deliberations on the problems connected with the German refugees from the eastern provinces of the Reich and the Sudeten area, the Bishops missed the counsel of the late Bishop Maximilian Kaller, who served as special representative of the Holy Father for refugees and expellees during the past year.

Another problem studied by the Bishops concerned the share of Germany in the proposed new international Catholic charity organization.

Some of the conclusions reached at the Fulda conference will be incorporated in the joint pastoral adopted by the Bishops, which is scheduled for publication on September 14.

For the first time in the history of the conference, the concluding services were broadcast from Fulda cathedral. This was made possible through the cooperation of American Military Government authorities who did everything to facilitate the task of the Bishops without interfering in any way with the privacy of their deliberations.

Bishop William Reining of Osnabrueck gave the sermon at the final services which were officially attended by Col. James K. Schmidt, U. S. Military Governor of Fulda, and John O. Riedl and Dumont F. Kery, religious affairs officers of the U. S. Military Government in Berlin and Wiesbaden, respectively. They were here to transmit whatever information the German Bishops may desire to convey to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, U. S. Military Governor of Germany.

The papal colors were flying over the city when the Bishops gathered for their meeting, the first since the end of the war. The sessions opened formally with prayers at the tomb of St. Boniface. Bishop Muench was seated between His Eminence Konrad Cardinal von Preysing, Bishop of Berlin, and Michael Cardinal von Faulhaber, Archbishop of Munich and Freising, as Cardinal Frings intoned the "Veni, Sancte Spiritus."

Bishop Muench addressed the Bishops at their first session and conveyed the greetings of the American Hierarchy. He thanked them for all they had done to ease the situation of the many problems arising from the collapse of a German government that was the most hostile one to the Church in the country's history. In response, Cardinal Frings expressed the deep gratitude of the German Hierarchy for the tireless efforts of American Catholics and their leaders in giving aid to their German brethren.

French Aid In Fulda Repairs

Fulda, Germany — (Radio NC) — The severely damaged roof of the Fulda Cathedral, where the German Hierarchy on Aug. 21 ended their annual meeting with solemn services, has been almost completely restored — thanks to the French.

The initiative in this good will gesture was taken by the Rev. Jacques Pollet, O.P., of Strasbourg, who has been attending the annual meetings of the German Hierarchy as an observer for the French Military Government. Last year Father Pollet noticed the damaged roof of the cathedral, which shelters the tomb of St. Boniface, Apostle of the Germans, and inquired what could be done.

He was informed that the slates necessary to repair the roof could be obtained only from the French zone. Immediately he set to work and eventually four carloads of slates were obtained. Now the last scaffold is about to be taken down from the roof and the great church will soon be restored to its pre-war splendor.

JUNIOR CDA AIDS ORPHANS

Cleveland — (NC) — Cooperating with the program of the Senior Catholic Daughters of America, whose supreme directorate has voted to adopt 2,000 European families, the Junior Catholic Daughters have decided to adopt additional families as their 1947 project, and will also sponsor a "sweater and sweater" drive, or a Christmas treat to orphans in European institutions.

Both projects will be cleared through War Relief Services, National Catholic Welfare Conference. The third phase of the three-fold international relations program will be to conduct an exchange of correspondence between the teenage girls of Europe and the Juniors of the United States and Puerto Rico. Miss Beatrice M. Hoffman, Mt. Kisco, N. Y., national director of Juniors, who announced the program, stated that the decision was reached at a special business meeting during the third National Leadership Institute and Workshop held at Notre Dame College here. Attending the meeting were state archdiocesan and diocesan chairmen of Juniors and the national advisory committee.

Formal launching of the program will await Miss Hoffman's return from Europe where she will attend the first post-war meeting of the International Union of Catholic Women's League, scheduled for September 7 to 11 in Rome.

Miss Hoffman is carrying to Rome with her three gifts from the Juniors: a spiritual bouquet of more than 100,000 spiritual acts for the intention of the Holy Father; a check for \$1,500 representing their self-denial of feasting during Lent to be given to the Holy Father for the war relief fund; and a silver chalice and a set of Mass vestments to be given for the mission needs of the Holy Father.

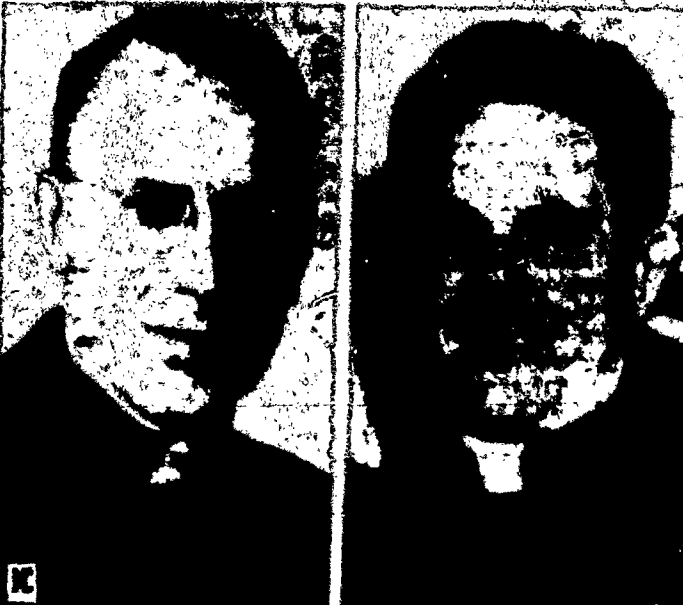
60 Pilgrimages To Lourdes — (RNS) — Despite government orders halting operation of special trains during holiday periods, 60 pilgrimages to Lourdes are scheduled to take place between Sept. 1 and Oct. 7. Fourteen of the pilgrimages are expected to arrive in Lourdes during the same week.

Conservation Set — Bishop-elect Roman R. Atkieski will be consecrated as Titular Bishop of Stobi and Auxiliary to Archbishop Moses E. Riley of Milwaukee, in St. Louis Cathedral here, on August 28. It has been announced.

Five Priests Elevated to Episcopate



Five U. S. priests have been named bishops by Pope Pius XII in word received from Vatican City the past week. They are, left to right: (above) Mgr. Hugh A. Donohoe, editor of "The Modernist"; San Francisco, named Auxiliary to Archbishop Milty of San Francisco; Very Rev. J. Abel Callaghan, rector of St. Joseph's Church, Baton Rouge, La.; named Auxiliary to Archbishop Hummel of New Orleans; Rev. Hubert M. Newell, archdiocesan superintendent of schools, Denver, named Coadjutor with right of succession to Bishop McGovern of Cheyenne; (below) Mgr. Roman E. Atkieski, chancellor, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, named Auxiliary to Archbishop Milty of Milwaukee; and Mgr. James A. McNulty, director of Catholic Youth Organization, Newark, Auxiliary to Archbishop Walsh of Newark. (NO Photos)



Protests Fail To Ban Movie

New Orleans — (NC) — Church and civic groups here joined in an unsuccessful effort to prevent the showing of the movie "The Birth of a Nation." The Rev. Vernon P. Aleman, diocesan director of the Legion of Decency, asserted that the film is objectionable on a number of counts, which include glorification of the Ku Klux Klan, promotion of racial antagonism and a rape scene.

"Presentation of the movie at this time," Father Aleman said, "will accomplish no good. All it can serve to do is to inflame passion, engender hatred and bitterness, disrupt amicable race relations and foment discord."

Among the groups which protested the showing of the movie were the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women, Metropolitan Union of Parish Societies, the Negro Press Committee, the New Orleans Urban League, American Veterans' Committee, the General Longshore Workers Local 1419 and the Transport Workers of American Local 600.

New Army Chapel — (NC) — The Rev. George M. Phillips, U. S. Army chaplain from the Ordnance, N. Y. Diocese, offered Mass at the dedication of the new Post Chapel of the Ninth Army Corps here.

Refugees Enrich Nations Giving Asylum, Say Writers

New York — (NC) — Countries reluctant to grant asylum to European displaced persons might well reflect on historical evidence which indicates that "whereas refugee movements usually occasion great sufferings among the refugees themselves, they often enriched the countries which granted hospitality and almost uniformly impoverished those from which they fled."

So writes William Dushnyck and the Rev. Walter J. Gibbons, S.J., in the introduction to a 96-page discussion of the plight of Europe's displaced persons entitled "Refugees Are People," published here by the America Press.

"Refugee movements have helped keep alive the national spirit of countries temporarily opposed by a foreign authority," they hold. "For example, the Ukrainian Cossacks originated in the sixteenth century by taking refuge from Polish and Russian lords; they preferred dangerous liberty to political slavery. Other notable cases of political refugees are those of the Magyar migration after 1848, and the Polish exodus after the unsuccessful insurrection against the Czar in 1863."

Clergy Catholics — Many earlier American colonists were true religious refugees, notably the Catholics who sought out sanctuary in Maryland to

Abp. Lucey Deplores Tea Party Catholics

Los Angeles — (NC) — Bridge parties and afternoon teas are wasting the time and talent of thousands of English-speaking Catholics, Archbishop Robert L. Lucey of San Antonio, told delegates to the regional conference of the Catholic Council for Spanish Speaking People.

Catholics, the prelate stated, could be put to much better use by assisting in religious instruction and leadership development among the 3,000,000 Latin-Americans who reside in the United States.

"There are no minorities in the Mystical Body of Christ," the archbishop said at the closing session of the three-day meeting held at Immaculate Heart College. He reminded the 200 delegates from 10 Southwest dioceses that some Christians find the social teaching of the church very uncomfortable.

Pride and Greed — "There are probably several reasons," he explained, "but I think they can be reduced to two — pride and greed. In the Mystical Body of Christ there are no minorities and this hurts the pride of the master race. In the Christian law of life all working people have a right to decent employment with fair wages and this is opposed to greed."

The Texas prelate said that so far as the latter is concerned a question arises which demands an answer: "Thousands of Latin-Americans need religious instruction; thousands of youth need leaders and advisors for swimming, athletics, club work and socializing. On the other hand thousands of English-speaking Catholics are wasting their time and talents at bridge parties and afternoon teas. Can these Catholics who have the time, the capacity and the opportunity to cooperate with the church in this work, save their souls if they continue utterly to ignore the spiritual needs of the Mystical Body? Think that one over," declared Archbishop Lucey.

He said that when Catholics labor in the church and for the church they do not merely work with human beings, but they are strong or weak; they are assisting the Christian community, they are building Christ and giving Him increase in His Mystical Body.

"In our time," Archbishop Lucey asserted, "the doctrine of the Mystical Body is a challenge and a promise — a challenge to life as ultimate Christians in justice, charity and peace; a promise that if we continue to act as part time Christians we shall live close to chaos."

"Too many Catholics seem to imagine that regular attendance at Mass and occasional reception of the Sacraments are the sum and substance of Christian life. They are very far from the truth and they do little to build the



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Mystical Body," he added.

Fear Envy — He said such Catholics operate their pastor when he speaks of grace and glory; they criticize him if he presumes to preach social or social justice.

"These are some Catholics who do not study the social teachings of the church but rather learn the truth but declare that the people are not yet ready for such radical changes in their social thinking," the archbishop said.

"Some persons are able to 'escape' from the inescapable truth by deciding that religion has nothing to do with social problems and finally saying there are, and may their numbers grow, who understand the principles of justice and charity and put them into practice," the archbishop said.

Priest Named Deputy Air Force Chaplain

Washington — (NC) — The Rev. John J. Wood, a Victorian priest, has been appointed Deputy Chaplain of the Army Air Forces Air Chaplain, Charles J. Carpenter, has announced.

Father Wood, who holds the rank of lieutenant colonel, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wood of Philadelphia. He is an alumnus of Dequesne University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Catholic University of America. He was ordained in 1917 and during the war he served in the Australian New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

Soviets Plot Run of U.S. Says K. of C.

London — (AP) — Denouncing the Soviet government as an enemy power, openly committed to the destruction of our nation, the 85th annual convention of the Knights of Columbus called upon President Truman and Congress to "defeat the purpose" of Russia in what it said was an attempt to transform the U. S. "The convention, attended mostly by men, was held at the purpose of the Soviet government to extend its control over America, the barbarian tyrant. It impudently asks its own people and the peoples of the kidnapped nations and other nations."

Expressing their opposition to "any resumption of the policy of appeasement" with Russia, the delegates said:

"The Soviet conspiracy has established branches of corruption and disloyalty among employees of our Government, among members of our law enforcement and among the ranks of American citizens engaged in their professions in the interests of our children."

In another resolution, the convention condemned the report of the committee of seven prominent anti-communists who said, "The Soviet Union is a tool of the Russian Empire, the Russian Empire is a tool of the Soviet Union, and the Soviet Union is a tool of the Russian Empire."

Other resolutions adopted by the delegates included one calling for equal social services for people of all races and nationalities; another denouncing all forms of religious slavery, racial discrimination and class hatred; and a third which affirmed continued support of the United Nations.

Kennedy Donates Funds to Charity

Boston — (NC) — A gift of \$100 was presented to Archbishop Richard J. Cushing of Boston by the Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis, who plan to erect a school here. The gift was made by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation and will be used for the construction of a new building for the school. Another gift of \$100 was given to the same foundation by the Rev. John J. Wood, a Victorian priest, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Wood of Philadelphia. He is an alumnus of Dequesne University, the University of Pittsburgh and the Catholic University of America. He was ordained in 1917 and during the war he served in the Australian New Guinea, the Philippines and Japan.

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