Church Vote Strong Despite Fraud by Reds

Budapest — (RNS) — Eighty-eight deputies will represent Catholic parties when the new Hungarian Parliament meets on Sept. 30, almost as many as will serve the Communist Party.

The Catholic vote was recorded in the face of what U. S. observers called a colossal election fraud engineered by Communists.

The Communists received 1,-802,977 votes in the national election, but the Democratic People's Party, a Catholic group headed by Istvan Barankovics, proved a surprising runner-up with 568,000 votes. Third place went to the Small Landholders Party (497,000 votes) and fourth to the Social Democrats (732,775).

Votes polled by the Democratic Peoples Party, plus those of two other Catholic parties—the Independent Democrats, led by Zoltan Tildy, Budapest, and the Christian Women's Party—make the Catholic bloc the strongest opposition to the Communists in the legislature.

The Communist Party won 21.4 per cent of the 5,000,000 votes registered in the election, but the combined percentage of the Catholic groups was 22.8 per cent. The Catholic breakdown was: Democratic Peoples Party, 11.3; Independent Democrats, 3.1; and Catholic Women, 1.3 per cent. Votes for the two latter parties were 266,000 and 67,795, respectively.

The Democratic People's Party, under the leadership of Barankovics, a Catholic newspaper editor, was already in existence at the time of the 1945 elections, but did not contest any seats at that time.

Catholic Church authorities maintained a "hands off" policy toward the election, but although the Catholic clergy took no direct part in the pre-election campaign, many priests gave unofficial, word-of-mouth encouragement to Barankovics.

Poles' Primate Seen In Salette Ultimatum

New York — (NC) — A warning that the revelations of Our Lady of LaSalette sound today "like an ultimatum of God's mercy" was made by His Eminence Archbishop Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, in a statement issued in connection with the closing of the diocesan shrine of the apparition which took place at Ornolac, France, in 1846. The cardinal's statement was reported in this country by the Inter-Catholic Press Agency here.

Tying more of today's era of materialism, where "arrogant godlessness" has given "the direction of the world into the hands of deism," the Polish primate urged the people of Poland to a more intelligent religious fervor that they might be spared "the whips of God's anger" when "He will step raging forth with a shattering blow."

"The revelation in LaSalette is much clearer to us" than it appeared a century ago, the cardinal's statement declared. "Today, we understand more fully the admonitions and promises of Our Lady of Sorrows. We apply them not only to the conditions of France in those days, but also to the modern world which is sinking into hopeless chaos.

New Athens Prelate Ignored by Regime

Athens — (RNS) — The Most Rev. Damaskinos Papandreou, newly appointed Roman Catholic Archbishop of Athens, was solemnly enthroned here in services in the Metropolitan cathedral of St. George in Athens. The ceremony was witnessed by a congregation which included members of various diplomatic missions in Greece.

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TO ATTEND BUFFALO CONGRESS

Most Rev. Hubert Newman Cardinal Oliver (left), Archbishop of Sydney, Australia, arrived in Honolulu en route to the mainland. It was announced that he would attend the Eucharistic Congress to be held in Buffalo, N. Y., September 21 to 25, to mark the centennial of the establishment of the Diocese of Buffalo. Laden with leis, floral symbols of Hawaii's gracious welcome, Cardinal Oliver is shown here with Mayor James J. Kwesney of Honolulu (right), who greeted him at the airport.

Spain Guarantees Freedom Of Religion Says France

Madrid — Reports circulated abroad that religious freedom does not exist in Spain were branded by Generalissimo Francisco Franco, head of the Spanish state, in an interview, as without foundation.

"All religious groups," said General Franco said, "enjoy full liberty of conscience, guaranteed by the Spanish Constitution. Protestant churches exist on the same basis as they do in other countries, although they are necessarily few, as the religion of almost the entire Spanish population is Catholic. The majority of those who do not profess religious belief or who are of Protestant persuasion are foreigners by birth or people who have lived many years outside of Spain."

General Franco went on to say that the same religious freedom is granted in the Spanish Protectorate and other places in Africa and the colonies under Spanish sovereignty, where Catholics, Jews and Moslems live together in harmony, the Spanish Government allocating public funds to their schools and making no distinction in this regard with reference to religious belief.

"During the war," General Franco said, "Spain offered her assistance to war victims and was willing to receive several thousand Jewish children, offering them model installations and guaranteeing them full religious freedom, under the direction and presence of their own teachers. If this project was prevented by foreign intrigue, to the prejudice of human well-being, this cannot detract from the attitude of Spain in offering hospitality."

Catholics Play Lead Role In World Scout Jamboree

Moisson, France — (NC) — Among the 30,000 boy scouts from various countries who attended the World Jamboree of Peace encamped in the forest near here, there were about 12,000 Catholics, 12,000 Protestants, 2,000 Jews and Mohammedans, several hundred members of Orthodox churches, and several thousand who did not profess to belong to any religious group.

The principal group of Catholics, nearly 10,000, was made up of French scouts. There were 1,000 Catholic scouts from Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, 600 Italians, 300 American Catholics in a group of 1,000 from the United States, a group of 50 Mexicans, 250 Catholics from Czecho-Slovakia, and many others.

Mission Crowded

The Blessed Sacrament was constantly present, reserved night and day in the Catholic chapel. The chapel was constructed of wood, surmounted by a cross 30 feet high. It was crowded at Masses each morning, and many received Holy Communion.

The Catholic scouts were accompanied by 100 chaplains, and there were many priests who visited the camp daily. About 3,000 Masses were offered, several of them in the various rites.

Among Catholic prelates visiting the camp were Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster; Emmanuel Cardinal Suhard, Archbishop of Paris; Monsignor Pignedoli, chaplain general of Italian boy scouts, and Bishop Paul Richaud of Laval, one of the founders of scouting in France.

After delivering the Solemn Pontifical Mass on the Feast of the Assumption, Cardinal Griffin had lunch with Lord Rowallan, chief of the British delegation. He visited the competitions and also went to the camp of the New Zealanders, where he witnessed a Maori dance, and visited the delegations from Monaco, Malta and Gibraltar.

The North American Indians, of whom there were three in the camp, two of them Catholics, initiated Cardinal Griffin into their tribe, causing him to wear the Indian headress and stating that in their tribe his name was changed from Bernard Griffin to Holy Word.

When Cardinal Griffin said Mass at the camp, there were representatives of all the delegations. Among them a number of German scouts. The Chaplain General announced their presence and said the Jamboree of Peace welcomed these representatives of a nation which was yesterday an enemy.

United States Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, who is a Catholic, passed many hours at the Jamboree, particularly among his compatriots, and he also was initiated by the Indians.

At the conclusion of an observance in which the young Moslems in the camp were featured, Cardinal Suhard was invited to take coffee with the chaplain general of the Muslimah group.

The boy scout movement thus appeared during these memorable days of the World Jamboree of Peace as a truly international movement making for union and peace among men.

800,000 Hail Hungarian Cardinal at Budapest

Budapest — (NC) — Some 800,000 people, many of whom had crowded into the Hungarian capital from every part of the country, filled the streets of this city to honor St. Stephen Apostle and first Christian King of Hungary, during the annual festivities.

Among those present at the ceremonies were Prime Minister Lajos Dinnyes, representing the President of the Republic, and Julius Ortutay, Minister of Education, representing the Government, the entire diplomatic corps, including U. S. Minister Selden Chapin, and a number of foreign correspondents.

Five hundred thousand people took part in the solemn procession of the Right Hand of St. Stephen and another 300,000 lined both sides of the streets, and loudly cheered and applauded His Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, Primate of Hungary, who led the procession, to make it one of the most impressive manifestations in this city during the past year.

Such a gigantic crowd participated in the ceremonies despite the fact that Actio Catholica had announced the procession but six days previously. The spontaneous acclaim for the person of the Cardinal was considered particularly significant in view of the elections held Sunday. Shouts of "Long live the greatest Hungarian!" became almost deafening during the procession.

Cardinal Speaks

In a stirring sermon on the Square of the Heroes, Cardinal Mindszenty called upon the Hungarian people to raise their moral standard and live in brotherly love. Asking St. Stephen to "remove the cataract from Hungarian eyes," he declared: "Hungarians shall not kill Hungarians. They shall not make other Hungarians homeless in return for a greater daily wage. Nor shall they continue suffering in the country by subjecting others to prison, examination and torture."

The Cardinal's words echoed in part his exhortations made on the Feast of the Assumption when in the presence of all the members of the Hungarian Hierarchy he solemnly dedicated the year of 1947-48 in Hungary to Our Blessed Lady. The naming of the year as the Year of the Blessed Virgin had been requested by Actio Catholica and approved by the Hierarchy.

In his sermon Cardinal Mindszenty declared that "a moral slough has inundated the country." He pointed out that in Budapest alone about 1,000 women a month are arraigned by the police on charges of immorality, books bearing the ministerial seal are supplied to school children teaching them the "crime of self-abuse, thus ruining both their bodies and souls," he declared, adding: "If the school is not a church, it is a haunt of crime, and who ever distributes such books works not under the flag of civilization but under the banner of Satan."

Famed Paulist Preacher Dies at 75

New York — (NC) — Funeral services for the Very Rev. Thomas F. Burke, C.S.P., 75, Superior General of the Paulist Fathers from 1919 to 1924, were held at the Church of St. Paul the Apostle here today. The priest died suddenly here Monday after his arrival at the Paulist motherhouse to attend a conference of Paulist superiors.

Father Burke was known as a pulpit orator and as a poet. He gave the first series of addresses on the Catholic Hour. His Paulist generalate was marked by the establishment of his community at the Church of Santa Susanna in Rome, the founding of the novitiate at Ridgefield, Conn., the founding of the Newman Club at Columbia University, and the enlargement of the Paulist church in New York City.

Priest Drowns, Ex-Olympic Star

Brooklyn — (NC) — A Solemn Mass of Requiem was offered in Sacred Heart Church here for the repose of the soul of the Rev. John D. Bell, assistant pastor, who drowned at sea off Montauk Point, N. Y. Father Bell, who was a powerful swimmer and a member of the 1924 Olympic team, met his end at sea while trying to recover a disabled motor boat.

He went out on a cruiser with six youths and fell into the ocean while trying to tie a rope to the disabled boat. The sea was so rough that he could not climb back on the cruiser so he started to swim for shore but failed to make it.

U. S. LEFTIST YOUTH SCORED

Prague — (NC) — The statement prepared by a minority group of the U. S. delegation to the World Festival of Democratic Youth, which criticized the delegation as unrepresentative of the American people and which was prevented from being circulated among the foreign delegates by Communist action, was printed in full in several Czech non-Communist papers, including the daily organ of the Catholic-supported People's Party here.

The minority statement deplored the fact that the American delegation "does not truly represent American youth," and added "The organizations that are here represented and the sentiments that have been expressed are, on the whole farther to the left than those of the great majority of American youth."

The statement also regretted that "the major United States youth organizations were not alert to the opportunities presented by the festival," and stated that "this short sightedness has lost for the United States the opportunity to present America properly to 30,000 youth participants and to the free people of Czechoslovakia." The statement likewise branded as giving "an incomplete impression of American life" the exhibit of the American youth delegation which put on display a figure representing a lynched Negro.

PROMINENT VISITOR

Fr. Gerald Vann, O.P., brilliant English orator, writer and educator, is in this country to lecture, preach retreats and conduct a series of conferences for religious communities. Father Vann, who is making his headquarters at St. Vincent Ferrer's Church, New York, expects to return to England in mid-January. He has taught at the English Dominican School, Laxton, Northamptonshire, since 1934 and recently was named Superior of the house there. (NC Photos)

Schools Termed Shops of Future

Chicago, Ill. — (RNS) — The home and the school are the great workshops of the future, Samuel Cardinal Stritch told 1,200 nuns from various religious orders attending the Chicago Catholic Archdiocesan Teachers Institute here.

"There is a trend among some other forces of education — not Catholic — to advocate and teach freedom from religion instead of freedom of religion," Archbishop Stritch said.

"The important thing is to teach the children the value of virtue and that it is more important to be good than merely to avoid evil.

"There is an infiltration of secularism which seeks to guide the child only in the abstract and in Godlessness instead of teaching him the fundamentals of morality and virtue.

"The terrible cruelty of the Nazis was born in the classrooms presided over by the greatest to the smallest of Nazi exponents. All great crises of the world have started in education."

Norbertine Abbot Is Consecrated

De Pere, Wis. — (NC) — In a ceremony dating back to the 12th Century, the Rt. Rev Sylvester M Killen, O. Praem, was blessed at St. Norbert's College here as Coadjutor Abbot with the right of succession to the Rt. Rev. Abbot B. H. Pennings, O. Praem, head of the Norbertine congregation in America.

Taft-Hartley Law Scored by Prelate

Springfield, Ill. — (NC) — The Taft-Hartley Bill was criticized as an "impetuous" piece of legislation and a matter of resorting to "amputation" where only "medication" was called for in a Labor Day message written for the Springfield Federation of Labor by Bishop James A. Griffin of Springfield Illinois.

Legislation 'Impetuous'

In his statement the Bishop said the American public must be educated to recognize "the inherent nobility of manual labor," and that "those of us who condemn fascism and communism because they enslave the spirit of free men should be just as ready to condemn a system which makes man the slave of a machine."

The text of Bishop Griffin's statement follows.

"In the turgid wake of the Taft-Hartley Law, the American working man has given the nation and the world an example of dignity and responsibility in the face of discouraging odds. As Plutarch wrote: 'The truly noble and resolved spirit raises itself, and becomes more conspicuous in times of disaster and ill fortune.'

"The progress of the Labor Movement in this country must not be hobbled by this impetuous legislation. Where medication was called for, amputation was administered. The workers of America, and those of us who strive for a recognition of their rights, must renew the democratic struggle to regain those basic prerogatives which were unduly curtailed by this latest legislation.

"The American public and the rank and file of the American working men should be subjected to an extensive educational campaign concerning the inherent nobility of manual labor as consistent with man's nature as a rational and free being. As long as men look upon the manual laborer as an inferior caste, these same men can hardly be expected to worry about the rights of a manual laborer. Christ was a manual laborer, for, as the poet said: 'no mouse of the scrolls' was He, but a carpenter and a fisherman.'

"Those of us who condemn fascism and communism because they enslave the spirit of free men, should be just as ready to condemn a system which makes man the slave of a machine. Machines and that means factories, coal mines, steel furnaces, etc., exist for the working man, and not the working man for the machine. As soon as the American public and the workers themselves, realize that the working man is not a mere piston, fly-wheel, or soul-less conveyor belt, the sooner will the Labor Movement emerge upon the American scene as the greatest Christian victory of our times."

Non-Union Help In Church Work Draws Protest

New Haven, Conn. — (RNS) — The Building Trades Council of New Haven, AFL, has protested the awarding of painting contracts to open-shop firms by two Protestant churches here.

Saul Kreas, president of the Council, lodged the protest with the executive board of the New Haven Council of Churches. He reprimanded the Center church and Trinity church for using non-union help.

The protest said:

"Frankly, we see a paradox between sermons which favor the recognition of the right of working men to collective bargaining, and practices by some churches which ignore this right.

"As a basis for discussion, may we point out that we have been told that both the Center church and Trinity church are using non-union labor because the bids were lower than those offered by union contractors.

"We cannot permit this condition to continue in New Haven because we must protect the standards established by organized labor and because we wish to avoid the public cynicism which is inevitable if the churches do not bring their business practices in line with their theological principles.

Columbus Hears NCWC Message

Columbus, O. — (NC) — Bishop Michael J. Ready of Columbus requested pastors outside the city of Columbus to read the Labor Day statement of the Social Action Department, National Catholic Welfare Conference, at Mass on Labor Day. For Catholics in Columbus, a special Pontifical Mass of thanksgiving was scheduled for Labor Day at St. Joseph's Cathedral.

"Fervent prayer and a correct knowledge of Catholic social teaching, plus an honest dedication towards the correction of evident injustices, are the true objectives of a Christian observance of Labor Day," the Bishop declared here.

Salvatorians in Britain

London (NC) The houses of the Society of the Divine Savior in England and Wales have been erected into a Province, with the Rev. Kevin Kenny, S.D.S. as Provincial Superior.

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With joy, we salute Bishop Thomas J. McDonnell, to be consecrated in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York, on September 15. From our hearts we thank him for his constant kindness to the Near East missions.

CAN YOU ADOPT ONE?

We have only eighty native priests in all Ethiopia. No other missionaries are admitted to the country. So we must train more native priests. Can you make one of these your adopted son in Christ? Here are names and needs:

Paul Hagos, with six years to the altar, needs $500 for his course. So do Titus Lepsia and Joseph Mokria. They have begun their seminary course in the Seminary of Addis Abeba.

Please do adopt one and share in his First Mass, in all his Masses. We send you a picture of these seminarians at work and at prayer.

JUST TWENTY

On Mary's Birthday, September 8, can you give twenty dollars for a picture of Our Lady, which will be used by Bishop Hakim in a little chapel in the Holy Land? This is a much needed and beautiful birthday gift.

ALWAYS BURNING

A request comes from Bishop Malouf for a sanctuary lamp in the little chapel at Jedaidah, Syria. This will cost twenty dollars and it will burn eternally for your intentions, for your loved ones, living and dead.

WHAT A WALK!

St. Basil, in his "Talks to Boys," says: "The way to heaven is by a virtuous life." That is why we named the BASILIANS, our School Club, after him. Why not join? Just a dollar monthly help poor Near East schools. It costs $750 to build a little school. Please do help us.

FREE, JUST ASK

Just write for our Gregorian leaflet on Masses for the dead every day for a month. Why not arrange for them for yourself? Ask about our suspense card.

SPECIAL CHALICE

Bishop Khidare asks fifty dollars for a special chalice to be used in the little chapel at Mearda in Ethiopia. You will be remembered in every Mass.

HOLY NAME

September 12 is the feast of the Holy Name of Mary. Why not have Mass offered in her honor? Our missionaries, especially those hundreds of refugees from Russia, now in American occupied Germany, need Mass offerings.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

Perhaps you recall that trouble at Azerbaijan, Iran, when the Russians caused so much trouble. Well, out of the fighting came many orphans, and we have to take care of them. Give a mite for ORPHAN'S BREAD and help us Sister Corman of the Daughters of Charity at Resaieh, Iran, needs $172 to maintain an orphan child for a year.

ST. PETER'S

Did you know that we have a special Mass for deceased members every morning in St. Peter's, Rome? Why not enroll the whole family perpetually for a hundred dollars?

CARD BOARD

Do you know that in several chapels of the Holy Land candles are placed in card board boxes on the altar, yet you can give a worthy set of candles for only seventeen dollars.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

September's here, school will open, and we need many little uniforms for our orphan children in Egypt. One costs only three dollars. Can you help?

INDIAN ABROAD

Write for a picture of Archbishop Mar Ivanios, now touring this country. Won't you make a stringless gift to the work of this convert, who has made 57,000 converts in 17 years?

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