

Truman-Papal Letters Hailed In Vatican, U.S.

Vatican City — (NC) — In publishing the Italian translations of the letters exchanged recently by the Holy Father and President Truman, *Osservatore Romano*, Vatican City daily, comments that the letters are evidence that the "light of the Gospel" is re-appearing on the horizon of international relations.

This light, shining again after a catastrophic eclipse in disorder and blood, *Osservatore* notes, is a "light directing the fertilizing of consciences, not only individual but collective, not only in individual souls but whole peoples, not only religious but also political brotherhood, within States and between States."

Editorials in a number of leading papers have regarded the exchange of letters between His Holiness Pope Pius XII and President Truman as no ordinary expression of ideas but as a definite attempt to align the moral forces of the world against an atheistic totalitarianism.

In his syndicated column, David Lawrence, publisher of the U. S. News, declares that unquestionably the messages are a call to the moral forces of a world to examine realistically the dangers which can befall the peace of the world if men who believe in God divide their souls and their energies and fail to see that all must have a common purpose.

When the Pope says that truth has lost none of its power to rally people to its cause, the columnist continues, he "rightly places great reliance on moral force." The Pontiff's letter "breathes the courageous spirit of a Church undimmed by Russian attacks," the writer adds.

Turning to the Holy Father himself, Mr. Lawrence declares "Pope Pius XII is perhaps the most talented statesman of all the Popes of history. His brilliant mind and knowledge of European diplomacy are among the reasons why the late President Roosevelt sent a special envoy to Rome to keep in touch with what the Vatican was doing in

Pope Confers With President's Envoy



His Holiness Pope Pius XII receives in private audience Myron Taylor, President Truman's personal representative at the Vatican, in the first of a series of talks at Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence, near Rome. INF. (NO Photos)

the realm of moral force. Such a contact is more than ever important for the Catholic population of Europe is large in all countries where the Communists are making inroads and can be a most helpful ally in the application of moral force to the problems that face Europe."

"AN EDITORIAL in the Washington Evening Star recognizes the letters as 'documents of basic significance in these tumultuous times,' and adds that 'the President and the Pope have summoned people of good will to a mission in the service of God and man alike.'"

The documents "represent an instinct which flourishes in a multitude of minds, an impulse which transcends all boundaries of class or creed," the editorial declares, adding, "In them a set forth the essential doctrine of Christian civilization. They are spiritual affirmations of compelling value."

An editorial in the *St. Louis Star* noted the exchange of letters "a significant alignment of the United States and the Vatican in the struggle with Communism."

Story of Priest, Convict's Eye May be Filmed

Reno — (NC) — "The Second Sight," a story depicting the life of the Rev. Edmund J. Boyle, local priest whose sight has been restored by the use of the eye of a condemned convict, has been completed by Leo Katcher, New York newspaperman. Mr. Katcher is now in Hollywood arranging for the sale of his story to a motion picture company.

Father Boyle, 31-year-old assistant at the Reno diocesan Catholic Welfare Bureau, underwent the operation on his right eye last year. Donor of the vitreous fluid involved in the delicate surgery was sentenced to die in Nevada's lethal gas chamber for the murder of a Reno woman.

Mr. Katcher's story tells of the boyhood accident in which Father Boyle was deprived of the use of his eye, and of the struggle of a handicapped young man to become a priest.

CARDINAL HITS DEPORTATIONS

Budapest — (NC) — His Eminence Josef Cardinal Mindszenty, the Hungarian Primate, has appealed to public opinion in Hungary and throughout the world to halt the "injuries, excesses and cruelties of the resettlements and deportations" affecting hundreds of thousands of Hungarian nationals.

"After having exhausted all possible official and unofficial ways, I am forced to this drastic step," the cardinal stated, "in the introduction of his statement to the press."

After some intermission, Cardinal Mindszenty noted, the "deplorable process of indiscriminate expulsion is again being vigorously carried out, 'even while blessed and beautiful democratic principles and slogans are being enunciated... declarations of human dignity, personal liberty, security of life and property and of the free and fearless life.'"

"Deportation without selection, on a collective basis, for whatever purpose or on whatever pretext it may be carried out, is inhuman," the cardinal emphasized, "especially at a time when the promulgation of human rights is being loudly proclaimed."

Manila Jesuits To Rebuild

Manila — (RNS) — Two or three major buildings of the Ateneo de Manila, Jesuit university which was destroyed during the Japanese occupation, will be completed late next year, the Rev. William F. Masterson, S.J., newly appointed rector of the institution, declared here.

He said the entire reconstruction program, which calls for six new buildings, will occupy six years.

Father Masterson, who recently arrived from New York, where he was director of the Jesuit Philippine Bureau, spoke at a dinner given in his honor by Ateneo alumni, many of whom are leaders in the political and industrial life of the Philippine Islands. It was announced that a \$500,000 fund for the restoration of the Ateneo is now being conducted in the islands.

Declaring that one of the primary functions of Jesuit education is to prepare Filipino leadership "for inevitable social changes in the next one to six years," Father Masterson said the physical rehabilitation of the Ateneo will be "conditioned by academic requirements of the new social trends the world over."

Pope Honors Newsmen

Durban, Union of South Africa — (NC) — In recognition of his service to the Catholic Press, His Holiness Pope Pius XII has awarded the Papal Medal "Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice" to J. J. Moran of this city. Mr. Moran recently retired after 25 years of activity as Durban correspondent of the Southern Cross, Cape Town Catholic weekly.

Voting Lepers Aided by Nun

Carville, La. — (NC) — Sister Lassus of the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, a nurse at the federal leprosanatorium here, has been designated by authorities of Iberville parish to register patients for voting. A new precinct has been established by the parish for the patients.

The loss of voting rights by patients at the leprosanatorium was brought to country-wide attention last year by Major Hans Hornbostel, who was at Corcoran and whose wife, who contracted the disease in a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, is a patient here. The Louisiana Legislature submitted the matter to voters in the form of a constitutional amendment, which was passed last year.

Persecutions Told By Yugoslav Priest

(The author of the following article came to this country recently from Trieste to obtain aid for a Christian social program, planned to combat the persecutions by Tito's Communists there. He is fully acquainted with the terrible tactics employed by the Reds and knew the Rev. Miro Bulekic, who was killed, and Miro Jakob Ukmar, seriously wounded, by a mob in Trieste, near Trieste.)

By REV. MARIO ANDREA
(Written for N.C.W.C. News Service)

New York — The Catholic clergy for months has been the chief target of terrorism employed by Tito's communists in and around Trieste — such as the recent mob uprising which resulted in the death of Father Miro Bulekic and the serious wounding of Miro Jakob Ukmar.

I believe that the mob had intended to kill Monsignor Ukmar, a saintly and learned priest of 70, who is universally beloved. The Holy See granted to Monsignor Ukmar the faculty of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation as a result of the terrorism which threatened the life of the Bishop.

The Bishop is Dr. Antonio Santin, spiritual head of two united dioceses, Trieste and Capodistria. He resides in Trieste and officially visits Capodistria once a year, staying there for two days. On June 30, he administered Confirmation and on June 21 he officiated at the solemn celebration of the patron Saint of the Cathedral and the town.

FOLLOWING the war Tito's Communists rapidly and scientifically organized all Slavs, nursing them in a fanatical nationalistic feeling and consequent hatred of the Italians. The Diocese of Trieste is occupied by British and American troops and ruled by the Allied Military Government, while the Diocese of Capodistria is occupied by Tito's troops and ruled by his regime.

Right after the war, it became increasingly difficult for the Bishop to leave the city of Trieste because of the hostile attitude of the Communists. Thus it became just about impossible for him to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation outside of Trieste. More than once when he tried to reach some town or village outside of Trieste, he was assaulted by a Communist mob on the way and forced to return to Trieste.

In June, 1946, Bishop Santin started for Capodistria by automobile, but on the outskirts of the town he was assaulted by a Communist mob and forced to return to Trieste. In June, 1947, he went to Capodistria by sea and upon arrival, as was his custom, he went immediately to the seminary where he would vest and march in a procession to the Cathedral.

AS SOON AS he had entered the seminary, a Communist mob obviously acting under orders, followed him into the seminary. The mob dragged the Bishop out to the street, threw him on the ground, kicked and beat him and wounded him with razors.

The howling mob danced the Kolo, which means "wheel" and is the Yugoslav national dance. Appeals were made to Yugoslav soldiers to aid the Bishop. They refused and watched the mob from the windows of the seminary, which the Yugoslav authorities use partly as a barracks. The Bishop was taken back to Trieste and treated for his injuries.

Bishop Santin is an Italian and was born near Capodistria. Because of the persecution and terrorism, the Bishop petitioned the Holy See to grant a diocesan priest of Slav nationality the faculty of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy See agreed and Monsignor Ukmar was selected for the honor.

Monsignor Ukmar is widely known in both dioceses. He is a professor of philosophy, theology, Holy Scripture and Oriental

Start New High School
New York — (NC) — Ground has been broken here for the new \$1,000,000 Sacred Heart Academy, staffed by the Religious of the Sacred Heart of Mary.

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BRITAIN SEEN CURBING REDS

Manila — (NC) — Communist rule in England, the Archbishop of Westminster, declared in an interview here during which he touched upon the principal problems facing his nation.

The cardinal, on a visit which will take him across Canada, said that Communists in Britain have achieved in work propaganda, but in fact they have had only one member in a 600-man house.

"Catholics are free to support whatever party they wish, except the Communist Party," the cardinal continued. "I would say that most of the working class vote for the Labor Party, but the church leaves them perfectly free."

Cardinal Griffin concluded that the prevailing of houses should be the chief concern of the British Government. He said that great damage had been done by the bombings and loss of housing during the war coupled with the present shortage of materials makes housing a terrible problem.

"The added fact that people get married and can't find a place to live, while a great many families are inadequately housed. After all," the cardinal continued, "without normal family life, how can you expect to have any kind of a society?"

Matador Gets LAST RITES

Cardinals — (NC) — Manolete, the famous matador of Cordoba, died a Christian death. He made his confession and received the sacraments before expiring. Manolete was fatally gored in the bullring at Linares.

Father Antonio de la Torre, chaplain of the Linares Hospital, who received Manolete's confession and administered extreme unction, also said the first Mass in suffrage of his soul. The priest related that Manolete upon seeing him said: "Father, where are my medals?" The priest quieted him and told him that they were still around his neck. After speaking words of consolation, he asked the torero: "Shall we say the Act of Contrition?"

"Yes, Father," Manolete answered. He recited the prayer with great feeling and confessed slowly, in full use of his mental faculties.

Father Antonio de la Torre stated that Manolete showed fortitude and great faith in God. Manolete, who grew up in modest circumstances, was educated by the Salesian Fathers for whom he felt great affection. Always ready to aid the poor, he often gave his services to benefit those in need.

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Probe Religion Status Under Tito, UN Urged

New York — (AP) — The United Nations Commission on Human Rights, which met in Geneva, urged today that the situation in Yugoslavia be investigated by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights and the United Nations General Assembly.

The UN Commission said the need for UN action in the Yugoslav situation is posed by the "unusual combination of the religious and political elements in the situation of the Yugoslav people."

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New German Bishop Named for Regensburg

Regensburg — (NC) — His Holiness Pope Pius XII has named Joseph Pichler, former auxiliary in the late Adolf Cardinal Bertram, German bishop from Bavaria.

Bishop Pichler was born in 1888 in the Archdiocese of Bamberg and was raised in the Regensburg seminary. He was appointed as Titular of Viterbo. The area comprising the Archdiocese of Regensburg is today almost completely under Polish administration and the great majority of German Catholics residing in that area have been expelled to the western and border frontier zone of the Reich.

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