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ON GUARD

The Big Parade
Archbishop Cushing
Marching for Christ

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The Holy Name Society made history in Boston last week.

Climax of the five-day Holy Name national convention in the Hub City of New England was Sunday's gigantic parade which saw 130,000 men from all parts of the nation marching under the banner of Christ.

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AN ESTIMATED crowd of 3,500,000 persons of all faiths stood in awe to witness this greatest civilian parade in all New England history. Starting at mid-morning with Boston Parish units, which had first attended Mass and received Holy Communion in their own churches, this unprecedented spectacle continued on through the streets of Boston for eight hours and twenty minutes. Darkness had engulfed the Hub when the last division carrying lighted flares moved dramatically across the finish line.

This parade was more than just men marching. It had everything. There were countless bands and drum and bugle corps, even a Brooklyn unit of Scotch pipers clad in green kilts. Seldom, if ever, has staid old Boston heard such continuous music. Catholic hymns, national anthems and marching songs.

And there was pageantry too. Gay and colorful in the brilliant sunlight were the thousands of flags, the parish banners, the uniforms of the war veterans, the bands and the majorettes. Two thousand of New York's famous policemen won Boston's heart as they stepped along headed by Monsignor McCaffery, their popular chaplain.

Most impressive to the spectators were the colorful floats almost a hundred in number depicting the doctrine, history and life of the Catholic Church. Included in these floats were dramatic representations of Pope Pius XII, the United Nations, St. Patrick and St. Brigid, the North American Martyrs, the American Missionaries, The Last Supper and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. These highlighted the spectacular parade which rolled past Boston's historic Common and through the streets of a city where bigots once burned a convent.

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MEN AND WOMEN wept unashamedly in the streets but their tears were tears of joy. Tears of pride in the faith, pride in this great demonstration of American Catholic manhood. Catholic hearts pounded and eyes grew moist at sights such as Negro men, a thousand strong, marching past the Boston Common under the banner of the Holy Name Society. This grand parade was climaxed by a mass reception with a gaelic accent.

Boston's beloved Archbishop Cushing was the most popular figure of the great day. He was on hand for every minute of the day-long march. Again and again he left the review stand to personally greet the marchers. These men, joined by marchers in the mammoth parade.

Each time he won the hearts of the crowd when he joined the mighty Brooklyn delegation on the long march. The men of Brooklyn were visibly proud of the honor shown them by the prelate.

Late Sunday night Archbishop again came into the news and this time it was a story of triumph for the unpopular prelate. The children broke from their places along the curb and rushed forth into the streets to take Archbishop Cushing unto themselves. Several times he had the police not to arrest the children from reaching out and touching him to kiss his episcopal ring. Innocent little lips gave evidence of his cassock in an effort to walk with the shepherd of Boston. The swarms of children grew in size. They seemed to come from nowhere to take form out of the night air. They nearly knocked the prelate down on one occasion. One little youngster rushed up with such force that the archbishop had to sweep the lad into his arms to prevent both of them from going down.

Boston will long remember this day when their archbishop stopped the greatest Holy Name Parade in history to allow little children to kiss his ring.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE of the Holy Name Convention and Sunday's parade was well expressed on the morning after by the following editorial in the **Boston Post**:

"Men march for many things, principally to fight each other. Down through history the roads of the world have reechoed to the tramping feet of legions going out to die. Boston yesterday saw another kind of a parade. Men in mufti marched to honor the name of God. In a world where some groups deny God it was a lifting sight, as hour after hour multitudes of men moved by.

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Missions Sunday
The great importance of this day is explained in a four-page tabloid printed in the middle of this issue.

Elmira Chaplain Says:

Catholic Training Checks Delinquency

The Rev. John V Loughlin, Catholic chaplain at the Elmira Reception Center, state institution for delinquent youth, feels that adequate parochial school training is a strong factor in deterring the development of delinquency among young boys.

Father Loughlin draws this conclusion in his annual report based on a one year study of the family background and religious training of over 600 Catholic inmates of the Reception Center.

Most of the Catholic inmates received none or only meager training in parochial schools before coming into conflict with the law, the report shows.

A total of 1,251 youth were processed at the reception center last year. Approximately one-half or 639 were listed as Catholics. A number of those registered as Catholics are actually non-Catholics but plan to become Catholics or have expressed their religious preference as Catholic and accordingly are so listed on the records of the institution, the report states.

ON THE BASIS of information which he obtained on the background of Catholic inmates Father Loughlin concludes that religion has not been a part of the average inmate or his family.

Significant observations contained in the general picture which the chaplain presents of the Catholic inmates at the Reception Center are:

His parents do not attend church regularly. At some time or other his parents have suffered marital and economic difficulties.

The average Catholic inmate has spent only two years in a parochial school and ceased regular church attendance at the age of twelve. At the present time he has a very poor knowledge of his religious instruction.

COMMENTING ON the average inmate's attitude toward religion, Father Loughlin states: Practically all of the Catholic inmates attend Mass and receive the Sacraments regularly while here.

For years the addage "this is the first time I've been in contact with religion" has been quoted. Many are finding out for the first time the help that religion can give them in their future adjustment. They at least are making a beginning in overcoming the results of years of neglect.

Among the problems met in dealing with the inmates Father Loughlin cites the fact that many of the Probation Reports give very little information on the man's religious background or attitude of his family toward religion and the inmate's religious training and observance.

Included in the chaplain's future plans is the task of providing more needed religious books, pamphlets and magazines. Other things also appropriate on assistance from private sources are desired greatly.

FATHER LOUGHLIN

PRIEST GIVEN SIX YEARS

Rome — (NC) — Two more names were added to the long list of priests who have become victims of the Communist dominated Tito regime of Yugoslavia when a so-called "People's Court" in Pazin, Istria, sentenced the Rev. Stefan Cek to six years at hard labor, and Msgr. Jakob Ukmar to one month at hard labor.

Both priests were charged with sharing responsibility for the disorders which led to the murder of the Rev. Miro Bulesich at Lanische, Istria, on August 24. Monsignor Ukmar was wounded in the riots.

Among 12 other defendants implicated in the riot were four persons who admitted breaking into Father Bulesich's residence. They received prison sentences ranging from three to ten months.

Reports received here from Yugoslavia state that Monsignor Ukmar was deemed to have served his one month sentence while awaiting trial, and that he would remain in Fiume hospital until he was able to travel.

REDS KILL FOUR PRIESTS

Valley Falls, R. I. — (NC) — Four priests were killed and 80 monks were marched off as prisoners by communists who destroyed the Cistercian Abbey at Yang Kia Ping in the north of China according to information received at the Abbey of Our Lady of the Valley, here.

The item also stated that the Trappist monastery at Chen, Ting Fu has been occupied several times by first Communists and then Nationalist troops and at the present time is in the hands of the Reds.

The ... Priory of Our Lady of Joy ... Orders ... assert that it will be impossible to rebuild the abbey at Yang Kia Ping and that arrangements are being made to erect a new abbey in the Province of Chengtu.

Religious Held As Red Hostages

Shanghai — (NC) Radio Foochow, the spirit of the Red stronghold of Chefoo, the Chinese Nationalists asserted that the Reds took as hostages two priests of the Canadian Vicariate of Kweiteh, the Prefect Apostolic, seven priests and three Franciscan nuns, one the French Mother Superior and the others native Chinese, perhaps as hostages.

When the last ship evacuated UNRRA personnel and other foreigners from Chefoo on Sept. 16, it is reported the Red mayor of the city sent a polite letter saying it was impossible to arrange for the requested evacuation of 12 old and sick nuns.

Two priests, 10 Franciscan Sisters and four Luxembourg nuns are in the Red held city of Weihaiwei, which is now under attack.

Hungarian Minister Not at Holy See

Rome — (NC) — Reports stated ... entry of the appointment of the Hungarian government of a Minister Plenipotentiary to the Holy See and the resumption of diplomatic relations are not substantiated by dispatches from N C W C News Service correspondents in Budapest and Vatican City.

At Vatican City inquiries brought the reply that nothing is known about the alleged appointment of Dr. Joseph Cavallieri identified in news dispatches as a Hungarian Catholic philosopher and educator, as Minister to the Holy See.

Catholic Units Join Family Life Parley

Washington — (NC) — Five national Catholic associations are among 110 organizations which have joined in sponsoring a National Conference on Family Life to be held at the White House next May 6 to 8.

Organizations participating are the N C W C Family Life Bureau, the National Catholic Educational Association, the National Conference of Catholic Charities, the National Council of Catholic Nurses of the United States of America, and the National Council of Catholic Women.

PRIESTS' DAYS OF RECOLLECTION

to be conducted at

Our Lady of the Lake Retreat House, Geneva, N. Y.

Tuesday, Oct. 14, 1947
Thursday, Oct. 16, 1947
Starting at 10:30 A. M.

Reservations must be made with the Rev. Elmer McNamara, diocesan director, Priests' Eucharistic League, St. Bernard's Seminary, Rochester, N. Y.

U. S. Seen Target Of Comintern

(N.C.W.C. News Service)

News of the re-establishment of the Communist International (Comintern) — variously interpreted as a declaration of ideological war, Russia's response to the Truman doctrine and the Marshall Plan, and a defiant bid of the Kremlin for domination of all Europe — has met in this country with editorial demands for preparedness and production as the best defense against Soviet expansion.

"Russia is organizing a world-wide coalition against the United States and will smash us, if she can," writes William Philip Simms, Scripps-Howard foreign editor.

"Counter-propaganda is largely futile without superior military and economic strength," declares the Washington Daily News.

"THE BATTLE is joined," states Anne O'Hare McCormick in The New York Times, pointing out that Moscow has made it clear "that we are the decisive factor and the decisive time is now."

At the State Department it was declared that officials are studying "very carefully" the declaration of a new international Communist organization. It was also revealed that the American government had no advance information about formation of the new organization, although the department knew that "something was cooking" in Poland.

The new Comintern formed at a secret meeting in Poland and announced in Warsaw, revives the International Communist organization that was ostentatiously dissolved by Stalin in 1943. The leaders of Communist parties in nine countries—Yugoslavia, Bulgaria, Rumania, Hungary, Poland, Soviet Russia, France, Czechoslovakia and Italy — have issued a manifesto in which the anti-U. S. A purpose of the new International is stated in these words:

"THE ANTI-IMPERIALISTIC democratic camp has to close its ranks and draw up and agree on a common platform to work out its tactics against the chief forces of the imperialist camp, against American imperialism, against its English and French allies against the right wing socialists above all in England and in France.

To organize and coordinate the activities of Communist parties on foundations of mutual agreement — the new Comintern has set up what is called an Information Bureau in Belgrade, in which Communists of all nine countries will be represented.

The long manifesto announcing the formation of the new Comintern abounds with attack on the United States. It is charged with being the "directive force" of the imperialistic camp and the "anti-democratic forces." The Truman Marshall Plan is termed a "farce" and a European branch of the general world plan of political expansion being realized by the United States of America in all parts of the world."

At the United Nations news of the open revival of Communist collaboration on an international basis was generally interpreted as a blow to the world organization although most delegates refused to comment for publication.

Dr. Fadhil Jamali, foreign minister of Iraq, declared that the manifesto issued by the nine nation Communist conference in Warsaw was "a declaration of war, an ideological war."

130,000 Holy Name Men in Parade At Boston Convention; Abp. Cushing Decries 'Anti-Catholic Bloc' in America

Scores Two Protestant Clergymen

Boston — (Special) — In a stirring address broadcast throughout New England, Archbishop Richard J. Cushing scored two Protestant clergymen as "leaders of the new bigotry" and accused both of spreading a doctrine that there is a fundamental antagonism between Catholicism and Americanism."

The prelate's address was delivered in the Boston Arena before more than 5,000 delegates to the fourth national convention of the Holy Name Society.

While the archbishop did not mention either of the Protestant leaders by name there was no doubt among the listening thousands that he alluded to Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York and the Rev. Guy Emery Shipler, also of New York, editor of The Churchman.

THE HOLY NAME delegates assembled in the Arena repeatedly interrupted with thunderous applause as the spiritual leader of the Boston Archdiocese unleashed his second denunciation of anti-Catholic activities within six weeks.

"I speak for perhaps 23,000,000 Catholics who live their lives completely confident of the perfect harmony between their duties as Catholics and their duties as Americans," the archbishop insisted in tones that rang above the tumult in the audience.

"No need of my naming them," he said, in attacking "those two leaders of the new bigotry. But we do not intend, as Catholics, to abdicate our rights or duties as citizens — simply because some bigot says we should."

Seated on the platform during the address was Archbishop Amleto G. Cicognani, apostolic delegate from Washington, and 20 other bishops and monsignori.

Bishop Oxnam, who formerly was the Methodist bishop of Massachusetts and who is also a former president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, has been a militant advocate of more stringent application of a separation policy between the Catholic Church and the state.

DR. SHIPLER WAS one of seven American Protestant clergymen who visited Yugoslavia and reported that Roman Catholics and the imprisoned Archbishop Stepinac enjoyed complete freedom of worship under Marshal Tito's dictatorship.

It was against these seven clergymen that Archbishop Cushing delivered a severe censure, Aug. 19 while addressing the Knights of Columbus in Boston.

The archbishop whose views were echoed by two other Holy Name Society speakers, said that "the old-fashioned bigotry against Catholic belief is long since dead" but that there was a new bigotry which takes a subtler form."

... he ... said with increasing ... he protested that ... Catholics are unconcerned ... enough to their faith ... do not mean what other Americans mean when they talk of freedom, and that their religious principles concerning freedom make them a menace to the freedom of others in war an ideological war."

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IN THE ARCHBISHOP'S ARMS

When four-year-old Freddy Falkland ran from the sidelines of the mammoth Holy Name Convention parade in Boston Sunday to kiss the ring of Archbishop Richard Cushing, he received the surprise of his life when the Archbishop picked him up and carried him along the parade route. Freddy is pictured about to burst into tears from the unexpected attention.

Delegate Backs Abp. Ritter In Negro School Controversy

St. Louis, Mo. (RNS) The Most Rev. Amleto G. Cicognani of Washington, D. C., Apostolic Delegate to the United States, has confirmed a decision by Archbishop Joseph E. Ritter of St. Louis permitting Negroes to attend Catholic high schools here.

Archbishop Cicognani's statement brought to an end the Catholic Parents Association, formed recently by a group of laymen to protest Archbishop Ritter's decree. The laymen had asked the Apostolic Delegate for advice and information on the ecclesiastical legality of their protest.

In a letter to the association, read at a mass meeting here, the Apostolic Delegate declared:

"After having read the letter of Sept. 20 which His Excellency, the Archbishop of St. Louis, sent to the pastors of the St. Louis parishes, and the statement on the school controversy issued in the St. Louis Register of Sept. 26, I have to state that nothing could be added on the matter.

"I am confident that everyone will readily comply with what has been so clearly proposed by the ecclesiastical authority of the archdiocese."

After reading the letter, John Barrett, chairman of the Parents Association called for a motion to disband. He refused to continue as chairman because "all avenues of protest have met with failure."

Barrett seemed hard-pressed to keep order as speakers in the audience rose against his motion and called upon those at the meeting to take their children out of school and cease supporting the Church.

"I plead with you people to disband the group," Barrett said. "I will definitely not continue as chairman. I am a Catholic. The only way I can remain a Catholic is to give up the chairmanship. I don't want what happened to me this past week to happen to anyone."

A vote was then taken. There were only a few scattered "noes."

Priest Predicts:

Reds Will Mass Produce A-Bombs in Five Years

Washington — (NC) — Russia now has the blueprints for the atom bomb and will be able to produce it in quantity in less than five years, the Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Walsh, vice-president of Georgetown University, told an FBI gathering here. The former American consultant at the Nuremberg war crimes trials spoke at the graduation exercises of 100 officers of the peace who completed a special course at the Federal Bureau of Investigation's national academy.

"There can be little doubt that Russia now has the formula for nuclear fission and blueprints for the bomb," the priest stated. "What remains is the production of them or something worse in sufficient quantities to prove effective. That production should be possible in something less than five years."

Father Walsh stated that Russia now has in her possession blueprints, captured from the Germans at the end of the war, for submarines capable of circling the world without having to surface. Such submarines could move under water up and down the American coast and hurl atomic missles into our cities, he added.

Referring to the charges of "warmongering" in the United States made by Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet deputy foreign minister, Father Walsh stated that these "vulgar diatribes" are but a "cover" for Russian policy "to gain time." He also stated that it is "authoritatively estimated that 14,000,000 human beings are held in slave labor" in Russian concentration camps.

3,500,000 See Great Display of the Faith

... (Special) — ... this nation's ... national convention of the Holy Name Society ... to be ... here.

... event ... unlimited dimensions ... which ... parades ... would ... of ... which ... in the ... Catholic ... The ... parade ... only one million short of the total population of the State of Massachusetts.

Beginning at ... a. m. ... day, the parade covered a five-mile route, with the last marcher crossing the finish line more than eight hours later.

... spectators, ... pale purple robes of office and of ... to all ... who ... Fred ... Bishop ... Hubert ... Dallas ... Texas ... the entire route ... feet and made part of a ... trip.

... The ... at the ... the ... a ... U. S. ... Band ... and ... Band ... Governor ... Bowers ... and ... Boston's ... mayor, ... John ... Lodge, ... Americans, ... and ... prominent ... from ... parade ... everyone in the ... Many ... Boston ... all ... Boston ... Boston ... Boston ... New ... Boston ... Boston ... Boston