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Oldest Oblate



Rev. Fr. Joseph Gierzycki, Superior General of the Society of the Holy Cross, is shown in a portrait. He is a prominent figure in the Polish Catholic Church and has been a vocal critic of the communist government's policies towards the Church.

Irish Hospital Seizure Fought

DUBLIN (AP)—The Diocese of Down and Connor has issued a statement concerning the seizure of the St. Vincent's Hospital in Dublin. The statement says that the hospital is a private institution and that the seizure is a violation of the law. The Diocese is fighting the seizure and is asking for support from the public.

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New York (AP)—The Polish Bishops in a joint pastoral letter, adopted at their annual meeting at Czestochowa and read from all pulpits, list "hidden attacks" against the Church. The letter says that the communist government is trying to destroy the Church and that the bishops are warning the faithful to be on guard.

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Poles Enslaved, Dewey Declares

New York (AP)—Declaring the January 10 elections in Poland "a travesty," expressing the most conspicuous indifference to the principles of free government, Gov. Thomas E. Dewey of New York stated that, as a result, Poland today "is once again enslaved by a foreign power."

The governor's statement is a strong condemnation of the communist government in Poland. He says that the elections were a sham and that the Polish people are being oppressed. He calls for international support to free Poland from communist rule.

U.S. RELIEF FOR KOREA



In Korea the Rev. George H. Carroll, M.S.M., of New York, distributes relief materials to the needy. These are supplied by the L.A.R.A. (Liaison Agency for Relief in Asia), with which the War Relief Services—National Catholic Welfare Conference is affiliated. Father Carroll, a Maryknoll priest, is WRS representative in Korea. (NC Photos)

Taylor Mission to Continue, President Truman Declares

Washington (AP)—President Truman said this week that Myron C. Taylor, his personal representative to the Holy See, will continue to do the work he has been doing "in the hope of enlisting the influence and support of all religious leaders in the effort to bring about permanent peace."

The president's statement is a reaffirmation of the United States' commitment to peace. He says that Taylor's mission is important and that the United States will continue to support him. He also calls for other religious leaders to join in the effort for peace.

Education Week Observance Urged

Washington (AP)—Observance of American Education Week from November 9 to 15 affords an excellent opportunity to publicize the accomplishments of the Catholic schools and to develop the idea that the public and the Catholic schools are community partners working together to educate good American citizens.

Red Activity Among Italy's Farmers Eyed

Rome (By Radio, NC)—The present intense Communist agitation among the workers of the land in Italy, their number is estimated at 10 to 15 millions, served as a topical background for the deliberations of the twenty-first Italian Catholic Social Week, which studied the agricultural problems of Italy in the light of Catholic social teaching.

The importance of the Week was emphasized in a letter from Magr. Giovanni B. Montini, Papal Undersecretary of State, who, in the name of the Holy Father, exhorted the delegates to study and action in the practical application of Catholic social doctrine, thus demonstrating that the Church is not only theoretically interested in the welfare of workers.

The Week, which was held in Naples under the auspices of Italy's Catholic Action, was the first after its partial suppression during the Fascist regime and the war. In its organization, it was similar to the French Semaines Sociales, with lectures followed by free discussion among the delegates.

The agricultural problems of Italy are highly complicated because of the varied systems of land tenure that have developed through the centuries. While small landowners are reasonably well off, many big estates—so-called latifundia—are insufficiently cultivated, the workers are underpaid and, generally, in a pitiful condition.

Navy Secretary



The first secretary of the Navy in the new National Military Establishment is John Lawrence Sullivan (above), of Manchester, N. H., who has been serving as under secretary of the Navy since June, 1946, and previously as assistant secretary of the Navy for Air. A lawyer and a Catholic he served in World War I as a seaman, and was assistant secretary of the treasury from 1930 to 1934. (NC Photos)

Hungarian Mob Attacks Priest

Budapest (RNS)—Hungarian church and civil authorities have ordered inquiries into an attack on a Catholic priest in Nagykaracsony, West Hungary, by a local mob.

According to reports here, Father Sylvius Debrecenti, parish priest, was beaten by a group of townspeople upon leaving the church after Mass. The crowd was allegedly instigated by Ladislav Ballago, schoolmaster and teacher in the local Sunday school, who had been dismissed by diocesan authorities for neglecting his duties and using sacrilegious expressions in front of pupils.

Ballago, who is a leftist member of the National Peasant Party, is said to have persuaded his friends to join him in "beating" the priest. During the attack, the mob cried, "We want the bishop!" and "We want the pope!"

Prelate Cites Church Stand Against Nazis

Basel (AP)—The German hierarchy and the German Catholics as a body will be shown by documents now discovered and others to be discovered, never to have lacked courage—opposing the Nazi regime," according to Archbishop Konrad Groeber of Freiburg, Germany.

He made these remarks in the course of a sermon delivered in Elmsteden, Switzerland, on the occasion of the annual "Engelshof" there.

The Freiburg Ordinary referred to criticism recently leveled at the German Bishops with regard to the position they took in dealing with Hitlerism.

"From the very beginning," he said, "the German Bishops followed the directives laid down in the Concordat negotiated between the Holy See and Germany. These directives were dictated by a desire of loyal co-operation with the government, a desire predicated on good faith."

When the Nazi regime revealed itself openly as being hostile to Christianity, time and again the Bishops were the first to take a stand against it—even though they exposed themselves to grave dangers by their severe criticism of the Nazi leaders.

Speaking for himself, Archbishop Groeber said that he did not think he could be reproached as a coward. He added that he as well as his fellow Bishops never were able to obtain tangible proof of the atrocities perpetrated in Nazi concentration camps. Only unsubstantiated rumors reached them occasionally.

In view of this, the Archbishop said he could not accept the charge of a German collective guilt. "Let those be punished who are guilty," he said, "but not the innumerable ones who are innocent and whose only crime consisted in having supported a powerful movement in good faith."

"At any rate," the Bishop concluded, "punishment for what ever guilt the German people have incurred is not missing, for the starvation and the misery that have befallen all Germany are tremendous and justify the worst fears for the immediate future."

New Hampshire Plans Catholic Labor Schools

Manchester, N. H. (RNS)—To help ease relations between labor and management, the Most Rev. Matthew F. Brady, bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Manchester, N. H., has appointed the Rev. George F. Kilgore of this city to serve as director of the new Diocesan Labor Institute and to supervise labor schools in various sections of New Hampshire.

Near East Missions

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Rev. Andrew H. Rogick, S.T.L., Assistant Secretary

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