

ON GUARD

Senator Taft
Wall Street Journal
A Jesuit Plot?

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Senator Taft, avowed 1948 presidential aspirant and GOP congressional leader, lost no time in attacking as a step toward "totalitarianism" President Truman's proposal for the revival of partial wage and price controls.

MR. TAFT'S opposition to the president's anti-inflation program is not surprising. It was expected. What is surprising is the spectacle of the Ohio senator trying to smear Mr. Truman with the stigma of "totalitarianism" even as Mr. Vishinsky tries to slander the president with the stigma of "imperialism."

Considered as a practical economic measure for combating the serious menace of inflation, Mr. Truman's proposal of restoring price controls is open to legitimate attack by Mr. Taft. As a member of the United States Senate, Mr. Taft has a right and a duty to weigh well the merits of any legislative proposal coming from the White House. No doubt he can advance some strong arguments against the president's plan, but to charge, as Mr. Taft does, that Mr. Truman seeks "to socialize and regiment America" is plain hysteria.

A LARGE SEGMENT of the American press has reacted to the president's desire for price control with editorials as eloquently hysterical as Mr. Taft's cry of totalitarianism. The Wall Street Journal sees in the president's proposal a "plot" to "return this country to a controlled and regimented economy."

Behind this alleged plot, according to The Wall Street Journal, are "the gentlemen of the CIO" ("They have Communists within their ranks") and the "liberals" ("They have been too friendly with Henry Wallace, the Journal thinks"). If there is any plot afoot to regimentate us through price and wage controls, then The Wall Street Journal should include among the chief plotters some prominent Catholic experts as the Jesuit priests who edit the very able weekly, America. For a long time the editors of America have been advocating anti-inflation proposals similar to those proposed this week by the president. Is it possible that the Truman program is a Communist-Jesuit-Liberal-Socialist-Henry Wallace-New Deal-Yaphank CIO Plot to establish totalitarianism in our midst?

THE NEW YORK TIMES has not succumbed to the hysteria expressed elsewhere in the daily press. The Times has often admired Mr. Taft's views and can hardly be accused of Marx-ist leanings, but in the present issue it describes Mr. Taft's attacks on the President as "in temperate" and expresses the hope that "we will be spared the anguish of totalitarianism whenever a government attempts to combat an emergency with emergency measures."

The Times readily agrees with Mr. Truman's warning that "we can no longer treat inflation as some vague condition we may encounter in the future. We already have an alarming degree of inflation... and it is getting worse."

MORAL APPEALS to private interests in the field of management, labor and business generally to hold the line on prices, profits and wages have failed to ward off the danger of inflation. The failure of society in this country to discipline its own economic actions makes the obligation of government to come to the rescue imperative.

As early as last September the weekly America stated: "Now that 'moral suasion' has failed, it is clear that government must invoke its powers to regulate for the common good and restore at least some controls before chaos ensues. The Administration should ask Congress to pass quickly the needed legislation. The time is short. Failure to act in holding the line on prices, profits and wages can mean only one thing—depression."

IF PRICE and wage controls can save us from economic collapse let us have them. Admittedly, economic controls may be a source of irritation and even hardship but there is nothing socialist about legislating such controls in a democracy if they are necessary to save a whole nation from disaster.

In this regard, America, reflecting sound Catholic social doctrine, explains: "The State, as the supreme political authority, has the duty of promoting and safeguarding the general welfare. To accomplish this object, it enjoys the right not only to enact laws but..."

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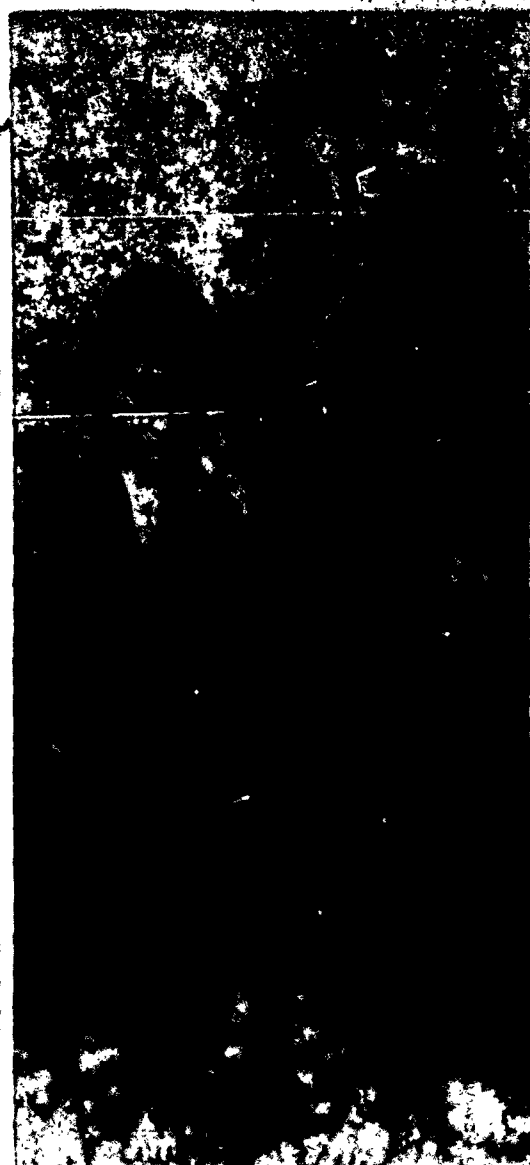
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Diocese Hears Bishop's Plea For Thanksgiving Food Drive



Orphaned and homeless, children like these wander throughout Europe today. They will be among the countless beneficiaries of the Thanksgiving Food Drive to be held in the Rochester Diocese under the auspices of the War Relief Service-National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The Rochester Diocese will mark Thanksgiving Week with an all-out effort to alleviate starvation in Europe and the Far East in response to His Excellency Bishop Kearney's appeal.

Urging diocesan support of the Thanksgiving Food Collection which is under the nationwide sponsorship of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, affiliate of War Relief Services, Bishop Kearney stated in a letter Sunday.

"Starvation and famine still stalk abroad in Europe and the Far East. At Thanksgiving time we in America wish to renew our efforts to stem the tide of disease and death which threatens to destroy whole populations on the European and Asiatic continents."

PLEADING FOR CATHOLICS of the diocese to make the Thanksgiving Food Collection a success, he added:

"After all, the best Thanksgiving for our daily bread will be to share it with the starving abroad. The War Relief Services will handle this collection and will see that your contribution goes where it is most needed."

"We earnestly beg your generous donation to this collection on behalf of our starving brothers and sisters in Europe."

In response to the Bishop's letter, most churches of the diocese have set a money collection at the Masses this Sunday (Nov. 23). It was reported this week by the Very Rev. Magr John S. Randall, diocesan director of the campaign, "The funds donated next Sunday," he explained, "will be used to purchase food at wholesale depots in New York for shipment abroad."

IN THOSE PARISHES where food will be collected arrangements will be made to pack it and ship it, he said.

Plans for the campaign are progressing in more than 100 dioceses throughout the nation and directors are confident that the goal of 25,000,000 pounds of foodstuffs will be surpassed, according to authorities of War Relief Services.

Statistics revealed this week by Monsignor Randall show that relief efforts of the Diocese of Rochester now include 216 tons of clothing, 183 tons of food and \$34,523 in funds. He estimated past contributions to relief from Catholics of the Rochester Diocese at more than one million dollars.

YUGOSLAVIAN MONK SLAIN

Rome (RNS) — Father Scapellato, a Franciscan monk in the former Italian town of Pola now annexed to Yugoslavia, who was recently accused by Yugoslav authorities of engaging in espionage activities, has been murdered under mysterious circumstances, according to Trieste reports quoted by Osservatore Romano, Vatican news paper.

The reports stated that a Communist mob broke into St. Anthony's monastery where Father Scapellato was staying and stabbed the priest several times. Mortally wounded, the Italian monk, who was said to be widely known for his intense nationalism, managed to crawl into the church adjoining the monastery where he died.

Meanwhile, a radio broadcast from Belgrade charged that a secret radio had been installed in the monastery by Anglo-American authorities before evacuation of Pola, with instructions to the monks to send spies all over Italy.

Observations quoted in Italian newspapers as denying that any secret radio had been installed in the monastery, and as charging that the accusation against Father Scapellato was intended to cover up his assassination.

'Miracle' in Hungary Refuted by Prelate

Budapest (RNS) — The Most Rev. Julius Szepik, Archbishop of Eger, northern Hungary, has issued a pastoral letter saying that alleged supernatural events in the Mátfa Hills area have been disproved.

The archbishop's pastoral was intended to dissuade believers from flocking en masse to a spot where a peasant woman had reported seeing an apparition of the Virgin Mary.

Catholics Congratulate King on Royal Wedding

London (NC) — A deputation of British Catholics, headed by His Eminence Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, presented King George VI with an address of congratulations on the marriage of Princess Elizabeth to Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten.

It marked the first time since the reformation that British Catholics have personally presented a congratulatory message to the King together with the "privileged bodies" including Protestants, Jews and Quakers. The Catholics tendered their congratulations after the Protestant deputation, headed by the Archbishop of Canterbury and York.

The presentation of congratulations in the name of British Catholics rather than in the name of the British Hierarchy was considered a satisfactory compromise after the government, in view of still existing anti-Catholic legislation, had refused permission to Cardinal Griffin to present an address on behalf of the British Hierarchy, whose titles are not recognized by law.

THE COMPROMISE was in large part the result of the determination of the National Board of Catholic Women not to be outdone in loyalty by other sections of the public. Approved by the government, previous decision not to accept formal Catholic congratulations on the marriage of the Princess, the board sent letters to the King, the Princess and the government asking permission to present a loyal address to the King and thus make amends for the ban on the Hierarchy's doing so. The King agreed to accept the address and

group. One-third of the Protestant Church members can be classified among the higher income brackets and one-third are among the so-called middle group and earn incomes of from \$2,000 to \$5,000 per year. "It is no secret that Roman Catholic bishops boast that none of the membership of this Church are in the low income brackets while only 10 per cent are in the upper salary brackets and earn more than \$5,000 per year. "Members of the Protestant Churches on the other hand, are largely in the white collar classes with only one-third of their membership in the lower income

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He also stated that the Russian army production now delivers more than 30,000 armored cars and guns per month, millions of machine guns and light weapons. The Russian high command has 150 divisions prepared to overrun everything in their way within 48 hours and to take Paris. The clash with America is unavoidable. It is only a matter of a few weeks."

IRISH SEND AID TO GERMANS

Freiburg, Germany (NC) — Within two weeks, a Christmas gift of about 2,500 tons of food, clothing and urgently needed equipment of a total value of nearly two million dollars, will be shipped from Switzerland to Germany and Austria on behalf of the people of Ireland. They have made this generous contribution toward relieving the suffering now prevailing in these areas out of the small surplus available to them, even though they do not have an abundance themselves at this time. It is estimated that every citizen of Eire made a contribution of four to five dollars to make these gifts possible.

New Comic Book Gives Reds Bad Case of Jitters

St. Paul (NC) — A 48-page comic book telling the story of a hypothetical Communist coup d'état in the United States, "Is This Tomorrow," which has already given the Communists "a bad case of jitters," will be distributed this week by its publisher, the Catholic Guild.

Four times in the last three weeks, the "Daily Worker" has carried full page editorials, one of them on the front page, attacking the coming publication as "harmful," "anti-Semite," and "anti-American."

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World Spotlight on U. S. Church, Bishops Told

Washington (NC) — The steadily growing importance of the United States in world affairs has brought to the Catholic Church in this country "responsibilities of vast proportions and significance," Archbishop John T. McNicholas, O.P., of Cincinnati, chairman of the Administrative Board of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, declared in his annual report to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States.

During the past year, Archbishop McNicholas declared, "the lines of cleavage between the East and West became more sharply and, at the same time, more clearly drawn" and "totalitarian materialism emerged more plainly than ever before as the force engaged in a mortal struggle with western Christian civilization."

He added that religion and the institutions of religion "were at the very forefront — not only where the forces actually were at grips, as in certain areas of Europe and Asia, but wherever the philosophy of secularism was powerful enough to assert itself."

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Pope Thanks U. S. Catholics For Generosity

Washington (NC) — "The 'heroic activities' of American Catholics" were warmly praised by His Holiness Pope Pius XII in a radio message to the Holy Father addressed to the Archbishops and Bishops of the United States who met at the Catholic University of America in Washington for their annual general meeting.

The message, signed by His Holiness, told the members of the American Hierarchy that they enjoy his "particular affection and personal interest," and that they "make a valuable contribution to our efforts to bring relief to the most needy among the multitudes throughout the world, especially our beloved little children still suffering from the consequences of war."

The Holy Father also told the Bishops that their generous works have served "to counteract propaganda directed against the Christian name."

"The occasion of the annual meeting of the American Hierarchy," the Holy Father said, "offers to us the most welcome opportunity of extending to our venerable brethren of the episcopacy the expression of our particular affection and personal interest in their zealous activity on behalf of the faithful entrusted to their pastoral care."

"It is also fitting at this time that we recall how in these years of widespread misery the Bishops of the United States, with a true spirit of Catholicity, have continued to make us feel a contribution to our efforts to bring relief to the most needy among the multitudes throughout the world, especially our beloved little children still suffering from the consequences of war."

Fr. Walsh in Japan
Tokyo (NC) — The Rev. Fr. Edmund A. Walsh, S.J., Vice President of Georgetown University and Rector of the School of Foreign Service, has arrived here and, it is understood, will remain in Japan through the winter as a guest of the Jesuit missions in this country.

Too Few Catholic DP's Come to U. S., Report Says

Washington (NC) — "The N. C. W. C. Bureau of Immigration at its three offices in Washington, D. C., New York, and El Paso, Tex., gave assistance in 32,702 cases involving 101,888 persons during the year from July 1, 1946, to June 30, 1947, according to the Bureau's annual report, signed by Archbishop John T. McNicholas.

Expressing dissatisfaction at the ratio of Catholic DP's being brought into the United States, the report said: "Too few Catholics were able to secure visas and transportation from Bremer, whereas Jewish DP's