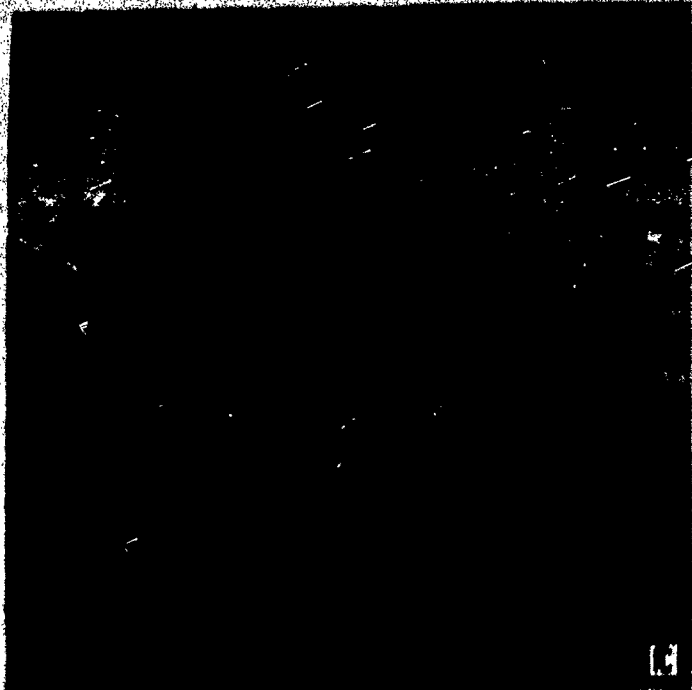


Deaths of Bishop, Four Aides in Soviet Ukraine Revealed

CHART FOR BLIND



Mr. Anthony Grotto, former organist and choir director of St. John's Parish, Rochester, Mass., standing one of the sixty volumes of the "Liber Usualis" believed to be the only copy in this country. The "Liber Usualis" was obtained from France by Bishop's Catholic Guild for the blind. The sixty brass volumes contain only the material that is in the sole ink print volume now in the parish. (NO Photos)

Lingayen Cathedral Ruins Bring War Damage Claims

By REV. PATRICK O'CONNOR

Lingayen, Philippines—(NC)—The Lingayen Cathedral, a magnificent structure of white marble and granite, stands as a silent witness to the devastation of war. The cathedral, which was completed in 1904, is now in ruins, with only the walls and the dome remaining. The damage was caused by a series of bombings during the war, which destroyed the interior and the roof.

The cathedral is the largest and most beautiful in the Philippines. It is a masterpiece of architecture, with its intricate carvings and its soaring spires. The damage to the cathedral is a great loss to the city and to the Philippines as a whole.

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Sixty Million Catholics Seen Under Red Rule

New York—(NC)—There are 60,000,000 Catholics living in the communist dominated countries of eastern Europe.

The Rev. Joseph G. Hart, S.J., literary editor of America, states in an article in the January issue of The Messenger of the Sacred Heart published here, his belief that the Church in this area is faced with "an almost hopeless future."

In Rumania, now under Russian domination, there are 5,000,000 Catholics. There is not one bishop left and the priests have been "eliminated" by the authorities.

In the Baltic States—Lithuania with 2,000,000 Catholics, Latvia with 500,000—the same fate has befallen the Church because these Baltic States have been absorbed into the Soviet Union.

In Poland, with 22,000,000 Catholics, the new puppet government directed from Moscow has decreed the separation of Church and State and introduced legalized divorce and a purely secular education.

Father Gardner continues, "In this domination of her priests, Poland has suffered probably more than any other country. It is estimated that 1,500 priests were killed during the war and in concentration camps. How many have been liquidated by the communist dominated government it is impossible to say at present."

In Yugoslavia there are 6,000,000 Catholics. Since Tito has set up his regime, 500 priests have been killed. Four hundred have fled the country or are in protective custody."

The other eastern European countries where the Faith is in danger, the article says, are Hungary with 6,000,000 Catholics, Rumania with 3,000,000, Czechoslovakia with 10,000,000, and Bulgaria with 5,000,000. Soviet occupied eastern Germany, too, falls within this orbit of the atheist Church, it adds.

CATHEDRAL IN FLAMES



The 25-year-old St. Mary's Cathedral in Ogdensburg, N. Y., is a complete loss from fire of undetermined origin. Only the sacred vessels and a few furnishings were saved. Despite repeated attempts by priests and firemen it was impossible to reach the blessed sacrament until four hours after the fire started. Pictures show the fire raging in the 104-foot tower, and the ruins of the main altar. (NO Photos)

CATHEDRAL TO BE REBUILT

Ogdensburg—(NC)—Bishop Bryan J. McEntegart of Ogdensburg, has announced that plans will be made immediately for the construction of a new St. Mary's Cathedral, here, to replace the 25-year-old structure which was destroyed in a \$700,000 fire.

Within a few days after the fire, hundreds of volunteer workers transformed the auditorium of St. Mary's Academy into a temporary church, where the parish services will be held until the new cathedral is completed.

Speaking at all Masses in the auditorium on the Sunday following the fire, Bishop McEntegart said:

"Relying on the all-powerful help of God, we shall go forward without delay to erect a new St. Mary's. No effort will be spared to make our new cathedral a worthy expression of the deep faith of this parish, a glory to the city of Ogdensburg and a lasting tribute of loyalty to God from the Catholics of the entire diocese."

The other problem is the housing shortage in Ogdensburg now crowded with refugees like most other villages and towns of the area. Mayor Zentgraf has proposed to the Ogdensburg government that a special housing project be carried out providing accommodations for these refugees and releasing hotel space for the numerous guests expected at the Passion Play.

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CHECK URGED ON CHINA REDS

New York—(NC)—"In Europe we have seen the Iron Curtain crash down between us and millions of lost allies in Yugoslavia, Poland, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria. We must not repeat the same mistake in China."

Thus writes Freda Uteley in her volume "Last Chance in China," published here. The author describes communist infiltration into China, the difficulties facing the present liberal government of China and urges the need of American aid and support to China if the efforts of Soviet Russia to obtain hegemony in Asia are to be checked.

Miss Uteley became a communist when a student in London, but after six years in Soviet Russia she abandoned her communist leanings. Her article, "Why I Ceased to be a Communist," has been published as a pamphlet by the Catholic Information Society in New York.

"I have experienced the grim reality of Stalin's Russia," she writes in the concluding chapter of her work in China, "where the people are never free either from hunger or the shadow of terror, and hope only that tomorrow will not be even worse than today."

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N.D. Head Sees Religious Education Vital U.S. Need

Detroit—(NC)—Characterizing the U. S. political and free enterprise systems as "the best that have been known in the history of mankind," the Rev. John J. Cavanaugh, C.S.C., president of the University of Notre Dame, told 600 men at a luncheon meeting of the First Friday Club in the Book-Cadillac Hotel here, that moral and religious education is necessary "if these systems are to endure against the attacks of atheists and communists."

"If the Catholic university of this modern age," Father Cavanaugh said, "is to assume real leadership and train tomorrow's leaders, it must, through its research programs, keep its own teaching staff alive to the problems of the hour; the Catholic university must make its contribution to the reservoir of scientific knowledge from which applied science must ever borrow, and the Catholic university must seek its prestige through advancing the horizons of sciences and arts."

THE NOTRE DAME U. head said "it is abundantly clear" that the Catholic educational system today "is facing its hour of greatest opportunity."

"It must be clear to you," he told the Catholic men, "that this Catholic educational system depends upon you and on other Catholics men like you throughout this country. There is no other source of support for the Catholic educational system. This dependence upon you indicates not so much an obligation as an opportunity."

One of the tragedies of the times, Father Cavanaugh said, is that "technological advancement, instead of adding to man's happiness, has made him more uneasy and more suspicious of his neighbors." He pointed out as examples the destructive potentials of the atomic bomb and the recent development of a new poison, one of which, he said, could wipe out the lives of 100,000,000 persons.

Father Cavanaugh said that nothing is more urgent than to get American thinking back where it belongs—to "its God-related perspective."

THE LEAGUE OF DECEMY, which was set up two years ago by Archbishop Joseph Charbonneau, of Montreal, has made an appeal for a general religious and family observance of the feast of Christmas and New Year's. The League deplores increasing tendencies to "pagan parties" in hotels, theaters, offices and factories. These parties are often the occasion for grave abuses from the standpoint of morals and intemperance, the statement said, and they keep many from fulfilling their religious duties. The League urges boycott of firms which have innocent casualties.

The League statement was signed by Eugene Strand, barrister, president; Madame W. Major, copresident; and Msgr. Albert Valois, director.

Jehovah Witnesses Active in Germany Frankfurt—(NC)—The United Nations and all governments are "the work of the devil," speakers of Jehovah's Witnesses told street crowds in Kassel over a public address system installed on a truck. Because they are "devilish" the speakers said, "it is wrong for the established churches to pray for them."

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