Archbishops Again Oppose School Ban

[illegible] Archbishops Wyszynski having remained unmoved by the Bishops of Czechoslovakia, have sent another [illegible] to the Prague government, asking it to preserve freedom of conscience in the proposed "school reform" law and warning against fomenting a cultural struggle "which would necessarily follow" if the law were enacted in its present form.

Under the bill as drafted by governmental authorities, a uniform state school, providing for some religious instruction in the lower grades, would be established, and Catholic-operated private schools would be abolished.

Expressing the hope "that our words will not be crying in vain," the Bishops' pastoral recommendations put forth the following three points:

(1) "In the interest of democracy, and with due regard for the real desires of the majority of the nation, do not destroy the foundations of spiritual and of religious morality—foundations which are still guaranteed by the Constitution, many in effect. Do not break the solemn promises given of the constitutional guarantees in Kosice and by the highest organs of the state.

(2) "In the present very serious international situation, do not expose your state—to which we are still desirous to remain loyal—at the good cause of being a disturbance zone. Conflict will then only very opportunities will be sold by enemy propaganda, which guides at every opportunity to widen the chasm between the Church and Marxism.

(3) "Do not foment a cultural struggle which would inevitably follow if the governmental draft of the school law were enacted in spite of all assurances that no one wishes to destroy or harmed a cultural struggle. If this necessity, we would be about business to [illegible] the world because [illegible] which would [illegible] the Church, which would [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible] and