

Catholics Organized For Italian Vote

By REV. JOSEPH J. SULLIVAN
 Rome—(NC)—Italian Catholics regard the coming elections as a last-ditch stand, and to fight this battle the National Civic Committee—an organization far above in number, scope and purpose to Catholic Action—has been formed.

12,000 Reply To K. of C. Ads

New Haven—(NC)—More than 12,000 letters and postcards were received within two weeks in response to the Knights of Columbus program of "advertising" Catholic truths in national magazines. It has been announced here. And most of them were in a friendly and sincerely open-minded vein.

The first of a series of explanatory ads sponsored by the K. of C. Supreme Council, "You Hear Strange Things About Catholics," appeared late in January in The American Weekly, Hearst Sunday supplement, and The Pathfinder, a seaway magazine with a large rural circulation. It invited readers to write in for a pamphlet further explaining Catholic teachings.

Jesuits Push Christian Unity

Rome—(RNS)—Organized here a little over two years ago, Unitas, a Jesuit-sponsored movement to promote the unity of all Christians, has extended its work to Lombardy and now has a flourishing center in Milan, as well as in Rome. The organization is headed by the Rev. Charles Boyer, S. J., dean of theology at the Gregorian Pontifical College in Rome, and is the first of its kind to be endorsed by Pope Pius XII.

In recent weeks numerous meetings and lectures have been held in Milan, Piacenza, Pavia, Bergamo, Brescia, Varese and Marate, all in the Lombardy province. At these sessions prominent Jesuit and non-Catholic speakers stressed the need of uniting Christians in efforts to promote international good will and to combat anti-religious influences.

The speakers all emphasized that Unitas is looking "more to resemblances than to differences" in seeking the union of all Christian denominations. Similar lectures and meetings are planned by Jesuit leaders in other towns throughout Lombardy during May.

800 Germans To Lourdes
 Paris—(NC)—Eight hundred Germans are expected to take part in a pilgrimage for peace to the shrine at Lourdes. The pilgrimage will take place in July.

To the Faith on Wings of a Song



Pictured on the occasion of the second anniversary of the weekly Catholic Hour of radio station XBRB, Peiping, are these three young choristers, members of a group of children from the Yu Chen Middle School, who appear once a month, under the direction of the Rev. George Litvany, S. J. The choral group of 30 children presents plays and choral numbers relating incidents of Bible history or illustrating parts of Christian doctrine. (NC Photos).

Six Trappists Slain In China

Peiping—Two priests and four lay brothers, Chinese Trappists of Yankiang, a monastery persecuted and destroyed by Communists, are reported to have been killed after a so-called People's Trial, January 28, at Pan Pu Tsun, in Chahar province.

The news was brought to Peiping, not by eye-witnesses, but by travelers familiar with southeast Chahar, who spoke to witnesses and considered their story true. Further confirmation under present circumstances is not possible.

All six are said to have been beaten to death with clubs. They had been prisoners of the Reds since early last July, and at their hands repeatedly endured cruel treatment. Twenty fellow prisoners, of the 75 originally taken at Yankiang, had previously succumbed to maltreatment and privation.

The January People's Trial was at least the third such proceeding to which the monks were subjected.

Box Lunch Sermons Fill Cardinal Hayes' Church

New York—(NC)—The box lunch sermons for which St. Andrew's Church on Cardinal Hayes place is becoming celebrated, fill two hungers, according to Msgr. J. A. Nelson, who initiated them. Located on the site of the little house where the late Patrick Cardinal Hayes was born, St. Andrew's is surrounded by the towering municipal buildings of New York. It is on the fringe of Park Street which used to be the Fleet Street of New York. Of the many dailies which were published there, two remain today.

"When I became pastor of St. Andrew's about a year ago, I discovered that I had 300 resident parishioners," said Monsignor Nelson, former seminary professor. "But I found a sea of souls crowding the church on holy days and for mid-day Mass during Lent. They were officials and employees of city departments. Speaking to them, even briefly, I found them hungry to know the mind of the Church on public matters."

"After much thought, I decided to invite an outstanding churchman to address them once a month during the noon hour. But the restaurants in this neighborhood are so crowded I couldn't see how they would have time to get lunch and come here to listen to an address."

"Then I hit on the idea of supplying box lunches, which they

Congress Wants Assurance DPs Will Get Jobs

Washington—(NC)—Congress would pass legislation permitting the entry of displaced persons and refugees if it were assured by U. S. voluntary agencies that these persons will not become a public charge.

This is the opinion of representatives of various Baltic groups in the United States after meeting in the Nation's Capital, in the course of which they urged Senate leaders to put through legislation admitting European DPs and refugees, especially those of the Baltic nations: Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia.

Under the chairmanship of the Rev. Dr. Joseph B. Koncius, president of the United Lithuanian Relief Fund in America, the group called on Senators Robert A. Taft of Ohio; Alexander Wiley of Wisconsin, chairman of the Senate Judiciary committee; Chapman Revercomb of West Virginia, chairman of a Senate Judiciary subcommittee now preparing DP legislation; Pat McCarran of Nevada and J. Howard McGrath, both members of the Judiciary committee; and Representative Joseph Martin, Speaker of the House.

The legislators generally expressed a sympathetic and favorable attitude toward their request. Father Koncius related. He added, however, that they all were concerned about the problem of whether the displaced persons and refugees would be provided with jobs and the proper housing upon admission.

The reaction of the legislators was that if voluntary agencies could furnish written guarantees that these people would be provided with homes and jobs, Congress would be only too glad to pass legislation admitting DPs.

The delegation pointed out that there are still close to one and a half million DPs in western Europe of whom about 200,000 are from the Baltic nations. There are about 160,000 Baltic DPs in the group of 800,000 now registered by the International Refugee Organization, it added.

ALL OF THESE people, belonging mainly to lands taken over by communists since the end of the war, are unwilling to be repatriated, Father Koncius asserted, relating that during a visit to Europe in 1946 he interviewed some 60,000 displaced persons and found none of them willing to return to their countries.

Visitor



EAMON DE VALERA

DE VALERA DUE MONDAY

Dublin—Eamon De Valera, former prime minister, and Frank Aiken, former Irish Finance Minister, are due to arrive in New York, Monday, March 8, by plane from Shannon. They will leave New York March 12 for San Francisco to which city they have been invited by the United Irish Societies. The two Irish statesmen will arrive in Los Angeles March 15 for St. Patrick's Day. Hundreds of invitations have been received here but no further details of their plans have been released. The visit to America will last about a month with return to Ireland set for early in April.

DeValera's mother, Mrs. Catharine T. Wheelwright, is buried in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Rochester.

Christian Sentiments In Prayer For Gandhi

Madras, India—Following unanimous adoption of a resolution in the Madras legislature, pressing grief at the death of Mahatma Gandhi, the legislature's president read a prayer in that predominantly non-Christian body which beautifully expresses Christian sentiments of trust in Divine Providence and good will to all men.

Another Hindu speaker on the occasion stated that Gandhi's teachings of tolerance and of the nobility of forgiveness were a reminder of "another great personality who lived in this world 2,000 years ago."

March 17 Irish Airmail
 Washington—(NC)—The Irish Airlines will inaugurate air mail service between the United States and Ireland by a flight from New York and Boston to Dublin early on March 18. Special covers will be postmarked March 17, the feast of St. Patrick.

Church Replies To Attack By 'Daily Worker'

Budapest—(NC)—A statement by Catholic authorities here rejects as "absurd" communist charges that the Church in Hungary is an enemy of democracy and insists that the Church far from yearning for a return of the old days, has but one desire: to work for the people and safeguard human rights.

The statement was issued in comment on an interview with Deputy Prime Minister Matthias Rakosi, general secretary of the Hungarian Communist party, which was published in the New York Daily Worker of January 21.

In answer to a question concerning the role of the Catholic Church in Hungary, the New York communist daily quoted Mr. Rakosi as saying the following: "The Roman Catholic Church is the enemy of Hungarian democracy, because in connection with the land reform one million acres of land were taken away from the peasants and given to the Hungarian nobles."

THE CATHOLIC statement declared it would have to be assumed that the Daily Worker misunderstood the Hungarian Vice Premier, "because it is difficult to believe that any responsible politician should risk so many false statements in one single sentence."

The statement then presents the following points in answer to the communist assertions: (1) "Ever since the 1944 Christmas message of Pope Pius XII we have declared unshakable faith in the Catholic Church in general and the Hungarian Catholic Church in particular. It opposes to democracy."

(2) "It is absurd to bring such accusations against the Church in Hungary whose lay members have been the saviors of poor families."

(3) "Not one million acres of land, but only 130,000 acres representing the estates of 14 bishops, were taken from the Hungarian bishops and only 30,000 acres have been distributed among the peasants."

(4) "When discussion began about the gradual distribution of large estates, the Church did not oppose it, on the contrary, it ready back in 1916. Bishop Prohasza of Szekesfehervar approved of the idea of land reform."

(5) "The Hungarian bishops have never claimed restitution of their estates, on the contrary, they have invoked divine blessings on the new owners."

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